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Dalhousie ups security over threats

CRIME

**Med student
facing charges
as school makes
plans for safety**



**Haley
Ryan**
Metro | Halifax

Dalhousie is increasing security after receiving threats.

The university has a "plan in place" after a medical student was charged with making threats against two people, including a faculty member.

Stephen Gregory Tynes, 30, was arrested in Truro last Thursday and charged with uttering threats to cause death or bodily harm, as well as engaging in threatening conduct.

Court documents show police

believe Tynes uttered a threat to Dr. Terry Chisholm to cause death or harm to both Evelyn Sutton and Ellen MacDonald, as well as engaged in threatening conduct directed at Sutton.

"We're taking it very seriously," said the school's director of security, Mike Burns, on Wednesday. "We have a plan in place ... and we are working with local police to ensure they are suitable."

Tynes was suspended "on an interim basis" related to the threats late last week, Burns said.

Dalhousie has "minimized the risk" with this situation, Burns said, and the goal now is to reassure the community that the school is doing everything they can to ensure campus safety.

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Ellen Page and Evan Rachel Wood star in *Into the Forest*, one of 208 films you can check out at the Atlantic Film Festival, running from Sept. 17 to 24. CONTRIBUTED

Cinematic roller-coaster lineup

ENTERTAINMENT

Program includes shorts, war dramas and period pieces



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

This year's Atlantic Film Festival brings audiences everything from a modern war drama "unlike any Canadian film" ever, to a unique Indo-Canadian gangster flick, and Ellen Page's latest film.

On Wednesday, the full program for the 35th annual Atlantic Film Festival (AFF) was launched. The festivities will kick off with the annual opening gala Sept. 17, featuring *Hyena Road*, written, directed and starring Canadian favourite Paul Gross.

"We don't say it lightly — it is unlike any Canadian film that has ever been made," program director Jason Beaudry said after

the launch event at the Lord Nelson Hotel.

The film, which Beaudry said has "that blockbuster feel," follows a sniper, intelligence officer and Mujahideen warrior in the Middle East as their stories intersect on the battlefield.

"It's a rollercoaster ride. It's got humour, it's got drama, it's got romance, and it's a real respectful look at the jobs that these people do and the reason why they do them," Beaudry said.

Gross will appear in Halifax at the gala, along with Newfoundland actor Allan Hawco, Beaudry said, while other guests will be announced in a couple of weeks.

The festival, which runs from Sept. 17 to 24, also features *Into the Forest* starring Ellen Page and Evan Rachel Wood.

Inspired by a book of the same name, the film follows two sisters living in a dense forest learning to survive and find hope after society's collapse.

"It's just a beautiful film visually and emotionally and I think people are really, really

going to enjoy it," Beaudry said.

In its 35th year, Beaudry said it's always a challenge to pick the best lineup of films possible to satisfy audiences, but with 208 films in 100 screenings this year, the festival is promised to deliver a huge variety of mass-appeal movies as well as independent, foreign and challenging works.

"You can make whatever type of film festival you want," Beaudry said.

Another highlight includes *Beeba Boys* during the closing gala Sept. 24, directed by Oscar-nominated Canadian filmmaker Deepa Mehta, who will attend the screening.

Beeba Boys follows an Indo-Canadian gang war in which guns, cocaine, betrayal and culture are mixed together with violent crime.

Beaudry said this year also has the best selection of documentaries, including the mountain-climbing epic *Meru*, blue-collar British racehorse owners in *Dark Horse*, and a look at gospel legend Mavis Staples with *Mavis!*

5 MOVIES TO WATCH AT THE FILM FESTIVAL



Hyena Road CONTRIBUTED

1 Hyena Road

A unique Canadian sniper film starring Paul Gross, Rossif Sutherland, Allan Hawco, Clark Johnson and Jennifer Pudavick.

4 Beeba Boys

This Indo-Canadian gang thriller stars Randeep Hooda, Gulshan Grover, Ali Momen, Sarah Allen, and Waris Ahluwalia.



Beeba Boys CONTRIBUTED

3 Brooklyn

A moving Irish romance starring Saoirse Ronan, Domhnall Gleeson, Michael Zegen, Emory Cohen and Emily Bett Rickards.

2 Into the Forest

Post-apocalyptic drama starring Ellen Page, Evan Rachel Wood, Max Minghella and Michael Eklund.

5 Grandma

Lily Tomlin stars in this feature as a rough-around-the-edges senior. Also starring Julia Garner, Marcia Gay Harden, Judy Greer and Laverne Cox.

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Search of Lower Truro land to 'take some time'

HOMICIDE

All part of investigation into death of Taylor Samson

Over the sound of a ride-on lawnmower, a horse neighs.

Across from the fenced-in horse ring, a couple sits on their veranda, with people milling about in their driveway. A young girl rests on the grass in front of the mobile home.

They're watching what's going on across from them on Soley Brook Loop. The activity, which includes Halifax Regional Police, Halifax and Colchester RCMP, and members of the Colchester Ground Search and Rescue Association, has caught the attention of this small community.

Police are searching properties in the area — a property on Highway 236, as well as adjoining properties on Soley Brook Loop.

"We are continuing to search property in Lower Truro in relation to the Taylor Samson homicide," said Theresa Rath, spokeswoman for the Halifax Regional Police. "Because the property in question is such a large area and the terrain is rough, we expect the search could take some time."

Samson was a third-year physics student at Dalhousie University. Fellow university

+ BACKGROUND

Samson, 22, was last seen in Halifax on Aug. 15, and reported missing the following day. The Amherst native was a third-year physics student at Dalhousie University.



Police officers confer at a base camp in Lower Truro on Wednesday. Police and ground search and rescue workers continue to scour the area. JEFF HARPER/METRO

student William Sandeson, who is from Lower Truro, has been charged with first-degree murder in the case. Samson's body has yet to be found.

Late Tuesday afternoon, investigators arrived in Lower Truro to begin their search of the area, and Rath said a "number of investigative avenues" over the last number of days and through the course of the investigation led them to that particular property.

"We have been saying since the outset that our goal is to find the remains of Taylor

We have been saying since the outset that our goal is to find the remains of Taylor Samson and that's not just for our investigation, but for the family.

Halifax police spokeswoman Theresa Rath

Samson and that's not just for our investigation, but for the family," she told the Truro Daily News on Tuesday.

Rath said the Colchester District RCMP, including its K-9 unit, is assisting with the investigation, and the local

Ground Search and Rescue association may have called peers in another area as an extra resource.

Teams of searchers waited at their command centre behind the Cobequid District Fire Hall, and every so often,

a member of the Colchester group would back a truck in, and more volunteers climbed into the seats to be taken to where they would begin their search.

As the morning hours ticked by, the elderly couple went indoors. The young girl was no longer sitting in the grass, however ran down the dirt road, two dogs following in hot pursuit.

Minutes later, a bicyclist slowly pedalled down the street.

RAISSA TETANISH/TRURO DAILY NEWS

FAMILY REACTS

Mother seeks closure

Linda Boutilier won't rest until her son is found.

The mother of 22-year-old Taylor Samson remains in Halifax, where investigators are continuing to search for the body of the former Amherst resident who was murdered in what Halifax police are calling a "drug rip," or drug theft.

"Police have told me they have absolutely no idea where Taylor's body is. They are doing everything they can to find him, but are coming up empty. They are going through all sorts of video looking for hints or clues," Boutilier said from Halifax.

"They aren't going to stop investigating, but they told me (Tuesday) morning they will have to scale it back on Friday."

Boutilier is convinced someone knows something but is holding back the information either out of fear or loyalty to the accused.

"There has to be someone out there who knows something or saw something," she said.

"Where his apartment is, to pull Taylor out of there at that time of night, well someone had to see something. Someone has to know something, they need to come forward with whatever information they have."

Boutilier said finding her son's body would bring closure to the family and help them move on with the grieving process.

She said the support she and her son, Connor, have received has been overwhelming.

Friends are organizing a benefit, Friday at Teazer's Pub in Amherst, to help raise money to cover funeral expenses.

DARRELL COLE/AMHERST DAILY NEWS



Taylor Samson

PROVINCE HOUSE

Government expenses to be posted online next month



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

Ever wonder how government ministers are spending your tax dollars?

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Cabinet ministers' expenses — along with those incurred by assistants — will be posted online starting Sept. 1.

The Progressive Conservatives introduced two bills in the spring, trying to make that happen, but neither passed.

Previously, ministerial expenses were only available by

searching physical copies in the legislative library at Province House.

MLA expenses have been online since December 2010, a decision made in the wake of the MLA expense scandal.

The ministerial expenses will be available at novascotia.ca/exec_council.

COGSWELL

City hires project director for redevelopment program

Halifax Regional Municipality has named the new project director for the Cogswell redevelopment program.

John Spinelli, a veteran of construction management, has overseen billion-dollar projects across Canada, according to the city.

Previous to accepting the

new gig, Spinelli, a native Haligonian, directed the Union Station revitalization project in Toronto and the Winnipeg airports expansion projects.

He also spent nearly two decades working for Black and McDonald Ltd., supervising the region of Eastern Ontario.

Moving forward, Spinelli

will lead city staff on plans to redevelop the Cogswell Interchange, which has been pegged as an underutilized piece of transportation infrastructure.

The city hopes to redevelop the lands into a new neighbourhood with mixed-use developments.

STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

Call him the cat's candidate

POLITICS

City's favourite furry feline is going federal

Rebecca Dingwell
For Metro | Halifax

The Halifax feline known as Earl Grey is making the leap to federal politics — and cat-crazy folks from around the world are watching.

"We actually have more American followers on our Facebook page than we do Canadians," Hugh Chisholm, Earl's owner and spokesman, said Wednesday.

Earl is currently the leader of the Tuxedo Party of Canada — a group concerned with the ethical treatment of animals in the country. His symbolic federal campaign was announced this week.

"Because Earl is a cat, he obviously can't go from riding to riding soliciting votes," Chisholm said. To make up for Earl's lack of mobility, the



Earl Grey is now the leader of the Tuxedo Party of Canada — a group that is partnering with the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies with a mandate to improve upon laws concerning the ethical treatment of animals. ZANE WOODFORD/METRO

Tuxedo Party has launched a virtual election tour.

Chisholm is mailing out paper cutouts of Earl and his brother, TJ, so folks can take photos with them and have them posted on the website.

Chisholm said they hope it will "make people feel like it's a fun campaign that they can get involved in."

However, there's a serious side to Earl's story.

"We have humour wrapped

around the main message," Chisholm said. "We want whoever's elected in government ... to take a serious look at rewriting the Animal Cruelty Act."

Chisholm feels the laws,

written in 1892, are now outdated.

"Most cases of animal cruelty, federally, don't really go anywhere because the law is so full of loopholes," he said.

For this reason, the Tuxedo Party is partnering with the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies. While Chisholm said the provincial laws in Nova Scotia are strong, there needs to be more consistency on a national scale.

"People can go from province to province to escape getting charged at a national level," Chisholm said.

Specifically, the Tuxedo Party has announced its support to end the sale of household pets on Kijiji Canada. The petition, launched by Barbara Lapointe, is linked on the party's Facebook page.

BRIEF HISTORY

The Tuxedo Party was formed in 2012 by a group of friends who wanted to give animals a voice. Earl's brother, Tuxedo Stan, ran a municipal campaign that year. In 2013, Earl unofficially ran for Premier of Nova Scotia.

"We're not opposed to rescue organizations using Kijiji ... it's the puppy mills and backyard breeders who are just using it to make a fast buck," Chisholm said.

The Tuxedo Party of Canada will be making an appearance at the Just for Cats Film Festival, taking place Saturday from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Citadel Hill in Halifax.



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Hugh Chisholm

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Man accused of threats released

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

Student earlier charged with bludgeoning cat to death



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

A Dalhousie University student formerly accused of killing a cat has been released on strict conditions, including staying away from campus, after allegedly uttering threats against two people connected to the school.

Stephen Gregory Tynes, 30, appeared in Halifax provincial court last Friday to face two counts of uttering threats to cause death or bodily harm — to Dr. Evelyn Sutton and Ellen MacDonald — and one count of engaging in threatening conduct.

Police said Tynes was remanded but reappeared in court Wednesday. He was released on a number of conditions following a bail hearing.

Those conditions include attending court as directed, residing in Truro with his father and having no contact with any of the alleged victims except through a lawyer.

Tynes, who according to court documents lived on Tower Road, has also been banned from possessing any weapons



Stephen Tynes in court last September. The conditions of his release include living in Truro with his father. TRURO DAILY NEWS

or consuming alcohol.

He must also not be within 25 kilometres of the 5900 block of University Avenue (where the Sir Charles Tupper Medical Building is located), unless he has the supervision of his parents or a lawyer.

The Dalhousie medical student was arrested in Truro on Thursday evening around 8:20 p.m. after Halifax Regional Police received word about the threats.

Tynes is known to police

regarding the death of a cat last year.

He was charged after witnesses told police they saw a man coax a cat off a doorstep on Fairview Drive in Truro on July 14 around 3 a.m.

Witnesses said Tynes grabbed the animal by its hind legs, lifted it over his head and swung it to the ground.

He entered a plea of not guilty last fall, but the case was dismissed before it was scheduled to go to court.

NORTH END

Parents fear no safe path to school through construction



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Halifax

Halifax parents with kids at a north-end school are awaiting a response from the city as to how their children will walk safely to school next to a construction site.

Kevin Collins, whose daughters attend St. Joseph's A. McKay, is concerned that come the first day of school next Thursday, his children will have no clear paths to access the building.

"The simple fact is that there isn't a safe pedestrian corridor that links Gottingen Street to the school property itself," he said Wednesday. "Which basically means kids have to cross in front of dump trucks and heavy equipment."



A cyclist rides through the makeshift sidewalk by St. Joseph's Alexander McKay Elementary School. ZANE WOODFORD/METRO

Work on building St. Joseph's Square, a nine-storey mixed-use apartment tower, began in June.

Collins and other parents were advocating for the installation of a new mid-block crosswalk.

However, a Facebook post by area Coun. Jennifer Watts said that was out of the question.

"The traffic authority has reviewed and will not permit their installation at this location," Watts wrote.

A city spokesperson said staff are currently finalizing a pedestrian travel plan that will be distributed to parents early next week.



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'So much talent out here'

BACKSTAGE PASS

On the set of CBC's Mr. D in Halifax

Aly Thompson
Metro | Halifax

Students may be on summer break, but classes are in session at Citadel High School.

The school in central Halifax has been transformed into Xavier Academy, the fictional grade school where the under-qualified teacher Mr. D has had many misadventures over the past four seasons of the CBC show.

The quiet halls are brimming with camera gear and staging as filming is underway for season five. People in headsets and ball caps are buzzing throughout the corridors, carrying lights and holding clipboards.

The show's creator and star Gerry Dee, who attended St. Francis Xavier University and whose wife is from Glace Bay, said after spending the past five summers in Halifax filming Mr. D, the city has become his family's second home.

"We love the city so it works out quite well," he said, wearing a tight blue polo shirt and black pants, a typical ensemble of his character.

"It's a treat for us. There's so much talent out here."

In the episode being filmed this day, Gerry Dun-



Gerry Dee is pictured during the filming of season 5 of the CBC show. MICHAEL TOMPKINS/CONTRIBUTED

(Gerry) likes to ad lib a lot, so you never know what you're going to get in each scene, so it's always really fun.

Kassidy Mattera, local actor who plays Lucy

can, aka Mr. D, is assigned to oversee a student teacher. In true Mr. D fashion, he intends to pass off all his work onto her, but the teacher's nerves are getting the best of her.

Dee is sitting in the so-called "video village," a first-

floor classroom equipped with monitors on a trolley. It's where the crew observes the scenes in action.

Moments before stepping onto set, the adjacent classroom, a woman comes over and makes a few minor adjustments to Dee's pin-

straight, perfectly cropped light blonde hair.

Dee runs the scene several times before scurrying back into the video village, telling the crew that he'd like to make a change to the script.

The funnyman's face is serious. On camera, his character is goofy and often-times inappropriate. But behind the scenes, Dee is fervently focused, seemingly hammering each detail to produce the most entertaining show possible.

It's clear he believes the

minor adjustment could make or break the scene. Dee and the crew exchange a few words and determine that his suggestion is a good one.

He races back to set and runs the scene again. The tweak made the scene more logical, and without giving away punchlines, an already funny moment became hilarious.

The 46-year-old standup comedian, whose years of teaching at a Toronto grade school inspired him to create the show, said his hilarious and often cringe-worthy on-air persona is an exaggerated version of himself.

"I loved teaching, but I loved all the wrong parts. I loved hanging out with the kids at lunch and I loved my spare and the field trips. But I didn't love marking and prepping," said Dee, his hands placed on his hips.

"There's a lot of exaggeration, but... I think the tone of me, the real Gerry Dee, is there."

Kassidy Mattera, whose character Lucy is an overzealous keeper with a tendency to get on Mr. D's nerves, said working on the show in her hometown has been unforgettable.

"(Gerry) likes to ad lib a lot, so you never know what you're going to get in each scene, so it's always really fun," said the 14-year-old girl, one of many local actors on the show, whose cast includes household Canadian television names Jonathan Torrens and Bette MacDonald.

CHILDREN

Doctors want vaccine proof

Canada's doctors stopped short of advocating for mandatory vaccinations for children Wednesday, calling instead for parents to provide proof to school officials that their children have been vaccinated.

A resolution passed at the Canadian Medical Association's annual general meeting in Halifax called on governments to authorize elementary and secondary schools to require parents to declare their child's immunization status.

The resolution also called for public health officials to have discussions with parents if their children are inadequately immunized.

"I want to stress that the proposal does not call for mandatory vaccination, but rather an approach that allows appropriate public health measures to protect vulnerable children in the event of an infectious disease outbreak," CMA president Cindy Forbes told a news conference.

Ontario and New Brunswick are the only provinces that currently require immunization records when a child is being registered for school.

Forbes said it's critical that health officials reach out to educate the public on the importance of immunization, but she said the proposal does not call for mandatory vaccination because doctors realize people don't want to be told what to do.

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PUBLIC GARDENS DAY OF DAHLIAS Shen Jinghong, visiting from China, snaps a photo of some of the dahlias on display at the Halifax Public Gardens, Wednesday, at the fifth annual Dahlia Day celebration hosted by Halifax Regional Municipality. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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READING

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The days of having to go to the library to take out a book are over.

"Today, you can borrow a book on the bus, you can borrow a book on the ferry, or you can borrow a book at home with your slippers on," communities, culture and heritage minister Tony Ince said Wednesday at Alderney Landing in Dartmouth.

Ince was announcing the new Read Local initiative, a partnership between the Nova Scotia Provincial Library, Halifax Public Libraries and the Atlantic Publishers Marketing Association that will put ebooks written and published by Atlantic Canadians on tablets, smartphones and e-readers across the province.

The province pitched in

\$40,000 to buy the ebooks, and 12 regional publishers signed the agreement with the libraries, including Formac Lorimer Books.

"We needed to find a way of making these books available that worked for the libraries, that worked for the public library users, and that was also fair financially for the publishers and for the authors," said Formac Lorimer's Jim Lorimer.

Author Chris Benjamin said the new program will mean more money coming in for publishers, and, in turn, authors like him.

"It's not going to fund my Mercedes or anything, but ... keeping money in local pockets is really important, and supporting writers in that way is really important," he said.

Of the more than 600 titles available, 86 per cent have already been borrowed since the program kicked off in early August.

"The fact that they've already — even without a large public launch — tapped in and are finding those titles and enjoying them to me, that signals that

they were waiting for this," said Halifax Public Libraries CEO Asa Kachan.

"Those paper books are still popular, but more and more, ebooks have become the way that young people — and old, actually — will access the collection."

The titles are mostly English works for adult audiences, but more French books and some for kids are on the way.

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Leaders debate budget

ECONOMY

Parties trade barbs over fitness as fiscal managers

Canada's three main political leaders traded accusations of fiscal recklessness and promises of budget prudence Wednesday as the health of the economy dominated the federal election campaign for a third straight day.

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair, trying to carve out a place for his party on the mantle of economic management, promised that a New Democrat government would deliver a balanced budget next year, no matter what.

Easier said than done, countered Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau, who suggested — even as he billed his party as a champion of fiscal responsibility — that balancing the books would likely be a matter of years.

All of which left Conservative Leader Stephen Harper saying what he's been saying all along: the budget is balanced now but



The NDP's Tom Mulcair high-fives a girl in a coffee shop in Stratford, Ont., on Wednesday. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

won't be for long if either the NDP or Liberals form the next federal government.

Asked during a campaign event in London, Ont., whether an NDP government would run a deficit, Mulcair was unequivocal: "We are not entertaining any thought of that."

However, doing away with the Conservative income-splitting measure won't produce enough extra revenue to cover

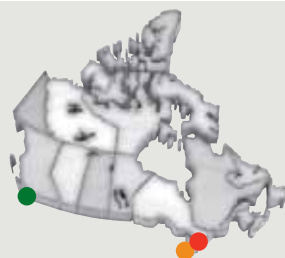
his spending promises, Mulcair conceded.

He said he will soon detail how he will stay in the black while implementing new programs, including an ambitious promise of a million child-care spaces within eight years.

"We're going to have a fully costed program," Mulcair said. "Everybody will get to see what the NDP plan is every step of the way."



WHERE THE LEADERS ARE TODAY



- **Justin Trudeau** will be in Toronto and Oakville, Ont.
 - **Tom Mulcair** will be in Ontario: Toronto, St. Catharines and Brantford.
 - **Elizabeth May** will be in Oak Bay, B.C.
- Stephen Harper's itinerary was unavailable.

His details will also have to cover a new promise of a \$40-million tax credit for businesses investing in innovative research, which he promised Wednesday.

Trudeau was electioneering on the outskirts of Toronto, an area that looms as a key election battleground. He promised to give teachers a tax break on school supplies they buy with their own money — and dismissed the Conservative government's claims that the federal budget is already balanced. "We are in deficit now," he said.

Balancing the books will be a Liberal priority, he added, but

it won't be easy. "How many years it takes to balance that budget is what we will be talking about in the coming days and weeks."

Harper was in friendly territory in rural eastern Ontario, where he promised to spend \$200 million over seven years to expand broadband Internet access for remote areas.

He stepped up his attacks on his main rivals as reckless spendthrifts.

After six straight Conservative deficits, Harper is hardly in a position to offer fiscal advice, Trudeau retorted.

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INFRASTRUCTURE

Trudeau to unveil policy

Justin Trudeau is poised to nail down the last major plank in the Liberal election platform: a multi-billion-dollar plan to stimulate economic growth by investing in public infrastructure.

The Liberal leader's infrastructure policy, to be unveiled Thursday in Oakville, Ont., is expected to include significant new funding for public transit and transportation, affordable housing and helping communities adapt to climate change.

Trudeau's announcement goes hand in hand with his refusal to commit to immediately balancing the federal budget, should he win the election.

And it's a big part of Trudeau's attempt to position the Liberals as the only party willing to run short-term deficits to goose the stagnant economy.

By contrast, he maintains the Conservatives and New Democrats would have to make deep spending cuts to deliver on their promises to balance the budget, even though the country is teetering on the brink of a recession. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Stephen Harper has been no friend of President Vladimir Putin since Russia annexed Crimea in 2014. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Russia wins space order

ASTRONAUT HEALTH

Canadian agency shops in Moscow for rare devices



Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

Canada may have slapped sanctions on Russia, but there's apparently one thing we still need Moscow for: space bracelets.

Newly released documents show the Canadian Space Agency planned to buy unique bracelets from a Russian state-funded organization earlier this year.

The agency needed the devices for a Canadian-led science experiment to measure the cardiovascular health of astronauts on the International Space Station.

Canada has taken a tough stance against Russian President Vladimir Putin's government since its incursion into Crimea. It has levied increasingly strict sanctions. Prime Minister Stephen Harper even told Putin to "get out of Ukraine" at a G20 conference.

But a January briefing note to then-industry-minister James Moore said the Canadian Space Agency needed to buy the bracelets from Russia because they weren't available anywhere else.

"Important Vascular Echo experiments are scheduled to start in August 2015 through the use of a unique device ('bracelet')"

that is produced only by the Russian Institute of BioMedical Problems," the note says. "No alternative provider exists."

Metro obtained the document under the Access to Information Act.

The Russian institute is a non-commercial organization that receives state funds but isn't managed by any particular ministry, according to the briefing note.

The document goes on to say there was consultation with the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development, which resulted in an assessment that the bracelets would fall under a special exception.

According to an outline of the Vascular Echo study on the NASA website, crew returning from the International Space Station have had stiffer arteries, which can cause higher blood pressure and increase risk of cardiovascular disease.

“Important ... experiments are scheduled to start in August 2015 through the use of a unique device that is produced only by the Russian Institute of BioMedical Problems.

Industry ministry assessment

The study will examine changes in the astronauts' blood vessels and hearts in space, then follow their recovery on Earth. Its results could help with astronauts' cardiovascular health and could also help people on Earth, where sedentary lifestyles are associated with the development of cardiovascular risk factors including arterial stiffness.

The project is one of four new Canadian science experiments set to be conducted aboard the International Space Station starting this fall.

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Volunteers from lowernine.org help rebuild damaged homes in the Lower Ninth Ward in New Orleans, La. The area was one of the most devastated areas of the city following a levee breach during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The 10th anniversary of Katrina, considered the costliest natural disaster in U.S. history, is Saturday, Aug. 29. MARIO TAMA/GETTY IMAGES

SPECIAL FEATURE

Ten years after Hurricane Katrina, a Canadian woman heads a small non-profit still working to rebuild homes in New Orleans' worst-hit neighbourhood. Metro's **Rosemary Westwood** reports from the Lower Ninth Ward.

Project Grace and Mercy

This is the second in a three-part series on New Orleans' ongoing struggles ahead of the 10th anniversary of Katrina.

It's only 10 a.m., and already it's dripping, sweltering hot — the kind of heat that makes you wonder why you put on a clean shirt at all.

Errol Joseph goes through three or four a day, working on his home in New Orleans' Lower Ninth Ward, a community made famous by catastrophic flooding after the levees failed in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Joseph, 64, is getting into his van when I arrive early one morning. He's taking a rest in the shaded driver's seat before heading to the Home Depot for supplies.

His house was heavily damaged in flooding that left 100 per cent of the neighbourhood uninhabitable. And 10 years later, he's still rebuilding.

Around him, volunteers in purple T-shirts cut tile, paint doorways and tape ceilings. Some are from France, some from other parts of the U.S. All are offering free labour through a small non-profit called lowernine.org.

Executive director Laura Paul was living in Montreal when Hurricane Katrina hit on Aug. 29, 2005. In January of 2006, she stopped in New Orleans as part of a road trip, intending to volunteer for a few days.

She never left.



ROSEMARY WESTWOOD/METRO

"Laura has been on my side through thick and thin."

Errol Joseph, Lower Ninth Ward resident

Paul, 44, started out with Emergency Communities, a charity formed in the wake of Katrina, living in a tent in nearby St. Bernard Parish for nine months. She was a founding board member for lowernine.org, created in late 2006 with the realization that at some point house gutting would need to give way to house rebuilding.

"Katrina did not discriminate," she says her voice rising a few decibels. "It's true. Eighty per cent of the city flooded." She pauses. "Disasters don't discriminate — recoveries do. That's an absolute reality."

A reality borne out by a study, released Monday by Louisiana State University, that found the

black population has declined since Katrina while the white population has increased, and white median income is more than double that of blacks, and has grown three times as fast.

The Lower Ninth is a stark microcosm of the inequality. While 79 per cent of New Orleans' overall population has returned, the figure in the Lower Ninth — once a dense community of mostly black homeowners — is 36.7 per cent.

Joseph was born and bred on this block of the Lower Ninth, and he points out the lots where his neighbours used to live: Miss Elsie and Mr. Jesse, Reverend and Mrs. Sutton, Lady Dora, Mr. Alexander, the Gilmores, and the Simmons.

It'll have taken 10 years by the time he moves home (he hopes) for Thanksgiving. He recounts a decade-long maze of paperwork, meetings, damage estimates and mixed messages from government agencies tasked with residential rebuilding. The process has caused his thick black curls to grey, his weight to balloon 100 pounds.

"I'm exhausted," he says. "We have exhausted my retirement, my wife's retirement, our coffee cans," he says. He lists the friends he owes money: the welder, the guy who installed the electricity pole on his property, the guy who helped him raise his house to meet the required height guidelines.

Joseph got hooked up with lowernine.org in 2009, and since then "Laura has been on my side through thick and thin. I started to give up several times. Laura would say, 'No, we going, we going.'"

Joseph's is a story of bureaucratic chaos that makes his home a testament to both a disaster, and a miracle. He calls it Project Grace and Mercy.

Certainly, there aren't many other construction sites in the neighbourhood.

While rents across the city have soared post-Katrina and housing prices are rising, land

value in the Lower Ninth has stayed low, first because the city originally decided part of the area would become green space, and then because of the slow recovery. There was even a failed plan last year to sell lots for \$100 each.

Operating on an annual budget of just \$149,000, lowernine.org has built 77 houses — only 23 fewer than Brad Pitt's much better-known and -funded Make it Right foundation. It is a staggeringly lean organization and it typically provides only labour. Homeowners need to provide building materials.

Lowernine.org isn't perfect. Most of the volunteers need guidance and supervision, sometimes there's a language barrier, and some only stay a week or two. Then a whole new batch needs training.

But I met half a dozen while I was there, and many were repeat volunteers. Graham Hyde, a sardonic 72-year-old from England via France, is finishing his second three-month stint. Vicky Maguire, 32, from Wales, is using her two weeks of holidays to come back a second time. Gregor Ernst, 20, came for seven months from Philadelphia last year, and returned to mark Katrina's 10-year anniversary and help finish the childhood home of one resident he's close with, and see another finally move home.

Paul fields daily calls from residents looking for help, and sees no end to the work, "as long as I

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Lowernine.org is trying to raise \$50,000 — \$1,000 in each U.S. state, plus \$1,000 in Canada, too. So far, \$30,000 has been raised. You can donate online at at lowernine.org. The campaign ends Sept. 5.

can keep the lights on."

New Orleans, in all its grit and joie de vivre, is Paul's home now.

"You wander down the street and there's a guy in a prom dress riding a bicycle and there's a naked women and they're all drinking mai tais," she says, and laughs. "It is a passionate and spectacular place to live."

In the midst of efforts to rebuild this community, lowernine.org has created one of its own — of eager international volunteers and determined local residents reclaiming their homes. Joseph says the volunteers who've helped him know they're always welcome at his new, old house.

"I get each one of them to fill out a card about their stay here, and they can make you cry," he says. "You get to be family."

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"Disasters don't discriminate — recoveries do. That's an absolute reality."

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Killings seen on live TV

TRAGEDY

Gunman also posted video of shootings on social media

A TV reporter and cameraman were shot to death on live television Wednesday by their former colleague, a journalist who also recorded himself carrying out the killings and then posted the video on social media.

The gunman, who was fired in 2013 from WDBJ in Roanoke, Virginia, fled the scene and went online, posting the video on Facebook and Twitter. He also reportedly faxed a 23-page manifesto and "suicide note" to ABC News, describing himself as a "human powder keg" that was "just waiting to go BOOM!!!!"

Vester Lee Flanagan II, 41, who appeared on WDBJ as Bryce Williams, had evidently been planning the attack for some time, authorities said. As he fled, he switched vehicles, picking up a rental car he had previously reserved at an airport. Troopers caught up with him hours later



Reporter Alison Parker, left, and cameraman Adam Ward were fatally shot during an on-air interview Wednesday in Moneta, Va. COURTESY OF WDBJ-TV VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

and hundreds of miles away after he fatally shot himself and ran off the road.

The live spot by reporter Alison Parker and cameraman Adam Ward was nothing out of the ordinary: They were interviewing a local official at an outdoor shopping mall for a



Things were spiralling out of control.

W.Q. "Bill" Overton Jr., Franklin County Sheriff

tourism story. Then, at about 6:45 a.m., morning show viewers saw Parker suddenly scream and run, crying "Oh my God," as she fell. Ward fell, too, and the camera he had been holding on his shoulder captured a fleeting image of the suspect holding a handgun.

WDBJ quickly switched back to the anchor at the station, her eyes large and jaw dropping as she said, "OK, not sure what happened there." The station later went live again, reporting on their own staff as the story developed.

Parker and Ward died at the scene after the gunman fired about 15 shots. Their interview subject, Vicki Gardner, was in stable condition later Wednesday after surgery for her wounds.

Video posted on Bryce Williams' Twitter account and Facebook page hours later showed an outstretched arm holding the handgun. The shooter walked up to the victims and stood a few feet away, but with all three in the midst of the live TV interview, none seemed to notice. The gunman waited until Ward's camera was pointed at Parker, and then fired repeatedly.

The shooting happened around 6:45 a.m. at Bridgewater Plaza in Franklin County, as Parker interviewed Gardner about the upcoming 50th anniversary festivities for Smith Mountain Lake, a local tourism destination. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Colorado theatre shooter sentenced to life in prison

The man who opened fire on a packed Colorado movie theatre was ordered Wednesday to serve life in prison plus 3,318 years.

Judge Carlos A. Samour Jr. ordered James Holmes, 28, to serve 12 consecutive life sentences without the possibility of parole, one for each of the people he killed in the July 20, 2012 attack. He added 3,312 years for 70 convictions of attempted murder, and six years for an explosives charge.

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Suspected train gunman facing terrorism charges

The suspect in a foiled attack on a high-speed train in France is facing terrorism charges, the Paris prosecutor's office confirmed Wednesday.

Authorities say Ayoub El-Khazzani planned to unleash carnage among hundreds of passengers. El-Khazzani, 26, has denied having terrorism plans, saying he stumbled on a bag of weapons and decided to use them to rob passengers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OUTSOURCING

No more Oreos for Trump

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump repeated his claim Tuesday evening that he would stop eating Oreos, citing the cookie maker's decision to close a plant in Chicago and move it to Mexico.

"I'm never eating Oreos again," Trump said, before adding that he would consider it if he could find some that were made in the U.S.

Trump's claim is partly true.

Oreo's parent company Mondelez International Inc. announced its decision last month to invest \$130 million in building four new production lines at a plant in Mexico, which will replace nine older production lines at its Chicago plant.

The number of jobs at the Chicago plant will go from about 1,200 to about 600, said Laurie Guzzinati, a Mondelez representative, but the plant in Chicago will remain open.

Guzzinati noted that Oreos continue to be made in some U.S. plants, including in New Jersey, Oregon and Virginia.

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'DUST LADY' 9-11 SURVIVOR DIES OF CANCER Marcy Borders, the New Jersey woman captured in an iconic photo taken after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in New York City, died Monday at her home in Bayonne, N.J., after a battle with stomach cancer, her daughter said Wednesday. Borders, who was 42, had been working on the 81st floor inside one of the Twin Towers in the attack, but she managed to escape the building. STAN HONDA/AFP/GETTY IMAGES FILE; INSET: REENA ROSE SIBAYAN/THE JERSEY JOURNAL VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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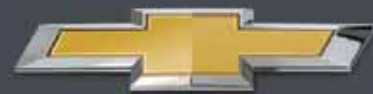
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South Sudan signs delayed peace deal

EAST AFRICA

President signs despite serious reservations

South Sudan President Salva Kiir on Wednesday signed a peace deal with rebels, more than 20 months after the start of fighting between the army and rebels led by his former deputy.

Kiir signed the agreement in Juba, South Sudan's capital, in a ceremony witnessed by regional leaders. Kiir said he was signing the document despite having serious reservations. He signed the same agreement endorsed by rebel leader Riek Machar, said Kiir's spokesman Ateny Wek Ateny.

Machar, the former deputy president, signed the agreement last week in Ethiopia but Kiir refused, saying he needed more time, drawing condemnation from diplomats who want

a quick agreement to end the violence in the world's newest country.

Kiir was under intense pressure to sign the compromise accord mediated by a group of neighbouring countries, with the U.S. threatening new U.N. sanctions if he failed to do so.

Signing the agreement Wednesday, Kiir said he felt the peace deal had been imposed on him and said it is flawed. Kiir said some aspects of the deal "are not in the interest of just and lasting peace.... We had only one of the two options, the option of an imposed peace or the option of a continued war... We are here talking about peace."

He accused rebels of attacking positions held by government troops in two areas in the volatile state of Unity on Wednesday.

The agreement binds Kiir into a power-sharing arrangement with Machar, a political rival whose dismissal in July 2013 sparked a political crisis that later boiled over into a violent rebellion. The fighting has often been along ethnic lines, pitting Kiir's ethnic Dinka people against Machar's Nuer.

The accord calls for the establishment of a coalition government within 90 days and a demilitarized Juba. It also delays national elections until 2018 at the earliest.

The U.S. and its partners welcomed the signing and said in a statement Wednesday that there would be consequences for those who return to arms, urging an immediate and permanent ceasefire by warring factions.

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"We are here talking about peace."

Salva Kiir,
President of South Sudan

MIDDLE EAST

Yemeni Scud halted, Saudis say

Saudi Arabia said its military "intercepted and destroyed" a Scud missile fired across the border by Yemeni rebels early Wednesday.

The Saudi military destroyed the missile's launch pad inside Yemen, Saudi's official news agency said. It said the missile was in the Jizan region in southern Saudi Arabia when it was intercepted.

The Shiite rebels, known as Houthis, said in a statement the missile hit a power plant in Jizan.

Yemen's conflict pits the

Shiite Houthi rebels and troops loyal to a former president against an array of forces including southern separatists, local and tribal militias, Sunni Islamic militants as well as troops loyal to President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi.

The Iran-supported Houthis took over the capital, Sanaa, last September, and in March a Saudi-led coalition started launching airstrikes against them.

A high-ranking Saudi general was killed Sunday in Jizan by hostile fire. Several dozen

Saudi soldiers have been killed in border attacks since the airstrikes began, mostly by missiles launched by the rebels and their allies.

The Saudi-led coalition meanwhile bombed several locations in Sanaa and in the central Marib province on Wednesday, according to tribal officials and security officials on both sides of the conflict.

All officials requested anonymity because they are not authorized to brief reporters.

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GUATEMALA

Ex-VP a flight risk, held in jail for trial

A judge ordered Guatemala's former vice-president to remain in jail Wednesday while she stands trial on charges of conspiracy, customs fraud and bribery, based on allegations that she accepted \$3.7 million in bribes as part of the scandal that forced her from office.

Judge Miguel Angel Galvez ruled that former Vice-President Roxana Baldetti would not be allowed bail because she held an Italian passport and was considered a flight risk.

On Monday, he ordered her to stand trial on charges of receiving bribes from businessmen to evade import duties.

President Otto Perez Molina also has come under increasing pressure in the case that has pushed the country into political crisis. About two dozen highway blockades were set up around the country by protesters demanding the president's resignation and that the Sept. 6 vote for his successor be postponed.

The Supreme Court on Tuesday ruled that Congress has the power to remove Perez Molina's immunity from prosecution as a sitting president.

Prosecutors and the U.N. International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala requested the removal of the president's immunity based on allegations that he too is linked to the network of officials and individuals who received bribes from businessmen to evade import duties.

According to the U.N. commission, there are strong indications that the president was tied to the criminal ring known as "La Linea," or "The Line," the fraud operation allegedly led by Baldetti's aide, Juan Carlos Monzon Rojas, who is currently a fugitive.

IN BRIEF

Garbage protests grow

Hundreds of people continue protesting in Beirut as a crisis over garbage collection worsens.

Daily protests over the past week were sparked by the trash crisis and now target the country's entire political class and dysfunctional sectarian-based political system.

The crisis began in July after the government closed Beirut's main landfill without providing an alternative for the capital and its suburbs.

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TECHNOLOGY VIRTUAL PRACTICE DUMMY DESIGNED TO TACKLE CONCUSSIONS Dartmouth College Engineering graduate Quinn Connell, upper left, controls the movement of the team's Mobile Virtual Player during college football practice on Wednesday in Hanover, N.H. In an effort to avoid concussions, the team practises with the newest addition to the roster, which the school says is the only powered device that simulates a real football player in size, weight, agility and speed.

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'Let's end the beef,' says Burger King

MCWHOPPER

Hybrid of signature menu items to promote peace

Burger King is hoping to set aside its rivalry with McDonald's Corp., at least for a day.

The fast-food chain is reaching out to its longtime competitor with an unusual proposal: create a hybrid of each company's signature burger — Big Mac and Whopper — and then sell it at a pop-up restaurant in Atlanta for one day. The profits would go to an organization that promotes world peace.

"We're being completely transparent with our approach because we want them to take it seriously," Fernando Machado, senior vice-president for global brand management at Burger King, said in a statement. "It would be amazing if McDonald's agrees to do this."

Burger King created a website, mcwhopper.com, that includes a proposed recipe for the McWhopper. The sandwich has six ingredients from the Big Mac (including special sauce, all-beef patty and cheese), and six from the Whopper (flame-grilled patty, onion, pickles, etc.).

Burger King, a division of the Warren Buffett-backed Restaurant Brands International Inc., has also mocked up hybrid employee uniforms and packaging for the burgers. To draw attention to its gambit, the company took out full-page advertisements Wednesday in the New York Times and Chicago Tribune.

In a response posted on Facebook Wednesday, McDonald's chief executive officer Steve Easterbrook said his company would "be in touch" about the burger proposal.

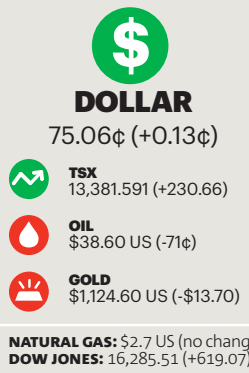
The event would be held on Sept. 21, known as World Peace Day. The proceeds would benefit Peace One Day, a nonprofit that wants to make that date an "annual day of global unity, a day of

intercultural cooperation on a scale that humanity has never known."

"As two of the world's largest brands, we're in the perfect position to influence change," the company said in a video on the McWhopper site. "Let's end the beef, with beef."

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STOCK MARKET

TSX up, U.S. index soars in New York

The Toronto Stock Exchange was solidly higher Wednesday while indexes in New York soared as buyers flocked back to end a six-day slide, the longest on Wall Street in more than three years.

In Toronto, the S&P/TSX composite soared up 230.66 points to 13,381.591 after seeing an earlier triple-digit advance evaporate into a slight loss before ramping up again in the late afternoon.

Meanwhile in New York, an-

other afternoon surge Wednesday gave the stock market its best day in close to four years, as stocks rebounded from a week-long slump.

The three major U.S. indexes dropped six days in a row heading into Wednesday on concern that China's economy is weaker than investors had previously thought. That was the longest market slide in more than three years. THE CANADIAN PRESS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Facebook launches rival to Apple's Siri

Built into Messenger, "M" is Facebook's new personal assistant and potential "Siri" competitor.

Rumours have been circulating about a Facebook personal assistant since July. Facebook has confirmed that the familiar "Hello Siri" may have a competitor in the form of "M."

At the moment, "M" is only available in very limited release to users in the Bay Area, as part of its trial period. AFP

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THE BIG THING: IS THE BLUENOSE WORTH IT?

The snapping sails of the Bluenose — memorialized in stories, songs and the Canadian dime — are emblematic of Nova Scotia. But as wooden ships do, its mid-century replica, the Bluenose II, grew creaky and warped over time. After an over-budget, much-delayed restoration project with a price tag of \$20 million to taxpayers, the Bluenose II relaunched with much fanfare in 2012. But the ship's tours have been repeatedly cancelled this summer because of recurring steering problems. The complete fix will cost an estimated \$700,000. Now even the most spirited sailors are wondering if this particular piece of history should be permanently docked in a museum.



Ho ho ho and a bottle of beer

The Bluenose II is arguably more nostalgic than historical. It was built by the Oland brewery company in 1963 to advertise beer, and it passed into government hands in 1971. Its restoration is being overseen by the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage, which has precious little experience with construction projects. Provincial auditor general Michael Pickup called this move “baffling” and blamed it for the restoration's record of poor planning and oversight.

Memorializing a moment

The original Bluenose, a Nova Scotian fishing schooner and prized racing vessel built in the 1920s, was seaworthy for just 25 years. It was sold out of the province in 1938 as newer technologies gained favour. It sank off the coast of Haiti four years later.

Canada has so much green energy potential

THE SCIENCE

Stephanie Orford



Last fall, a precipitous drop in oil prices forced Canadians to reconsider our economy's heavy dependence on the oil and gas industries. Today, the price of oil has dropped worldwide to what it cost in the depths of the 2009 recession.

It's a clear and sustained sign that Canada relies too heavily on oil and gas. We need to invest more in developing our renewable energy economy.

We have the ingredients to get there, and we're already well on our way.

There's tons of potential to harvest clean energy from Canada's abundant natural resources, and our research institutions and some innovative Canadian

companies are finding new and better ways of harvesting and managing clean energy.

For instance, between 2008 and 2011 the amount of energy produced by solar photovoltaic cells installed in Canada more than doubled each year, but the total solar energy we produce still only makes up a drop in the bucket of our total energy output.

Alberta could become the next California, a state that has become a powerhouse of solar energy production, producing enough to power more than 2.5 million homes.

Right now Canada produces just under 17 per cent of its energy supply via renewable sources, much of that from hydroelectric dams.

Meanwhile in Germany, 26 per cent of energy production comes from renewables, and the country

plans to increase that figure to 80 per cent by 2050.

Like any economic shift, there are upfront costs, but the consequences of continuing on our current fossil-fuel-burning trajectory are far more costly in the long run.

“If the global economy were a baseball game, a home run would be heading straight for the clean-energy industry — but Canada hasn't even left the dugout,” says Sarah Petrevan, senior policy adviser at Clean Energy Canada, on the organization's website. “We've lost out on nearly \$9 billion in clean-energy export opportunities in 2013 alone. We need a plan to transition our economy and reap the benefits of the growth and jobs that come with it.”

Clean Energy Canada is optimistic about the future global market for clean energy. The organization

Like any economic shift, there are upfront costs, but the consequences of continuing on our current fossil-fuel-burning trajectory are far more costly.

projects worldwide demand will grow exponentially to \$1.8 trillion by 2022.

Economic and environmental leaders around the world are embracing clean energy production. Canada should be one of them.

Stephanie Orford is a Vancouver-based science writer.

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As an expatriate, I don't have the moral right to vote at home



Mike Donachie
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You're either in or you're out.

When it comes to deciding who forms a government, non-resident citizens are definitely out, and that includes me.

Here's how it works in this country: If you're Canadian and you haven't lived here for five years, you can't vote. That's it. Thank you and goodbye.

The issue became prominent in this federal campaign after the Ontario Court of Appeal decided the law should stay as is. This made Canadian actor Donald Sutherland unhappy; he resides stateside but he wants a ballot.

Sutherland argues he deserves a say because he identifies as Canadian. I disagree.

I'm a Scot and a British citizen, and I've been a permanent resident of Canada for 2-1/2 years. Despite leaving the U.K., I have a legal right to vote there in national elections until 15 years after my departure.

I don't exercise that right.

Don't misunderstand me: I know the value of it. I'm aware of the struggle by activists, across many years, to see universal suffrage established. People died to give me a great gift that I have chosen not to use.

I voluntarily abstained from voting in this spring's U.K. general election. And, last

year, when Scots cast ballots on independence from the U.K., I was denied a say due to non-residence. I agreed that was right, though it broke my heart. Scotland voted “no,” but I'm not giving my opinion. I don't live there.

And that's the point. I identify as Scottish. Anyone who knows me, and has tried to penetrate my accent, knows I'm about as Scottish as it gets. I'm engaged and informed and I miss the place. But I won't vote there.

In the '80s, Margaret Thatcher's government introduced ballots for expatriates even if they'd been gone for 20 years. It's reasonable to assume she expected to pick up votes from wealthy expats. The cynicism of that appalls me.

If you permanently leave a country, you should shut up. You can identify as anything, be it Scottish, Cornish or Viking, but if you decide to be resident elsewhere you stop being invested in that place, whether it's immediately, after five years or after 15. I think that connection starts diminishing within months, not years, and, if you vote, it's like you're voting from a past life.

A legal right is not a moral right and, unless you live with the consequences of an election, there in that place, it's wrong to interfere.

That applies in Canada, I would argue. Like Donald Sutherland, I don't have a vote here. But I do live here.

And, one day, if I gain Canadian citizenship, I will vote with pride.

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BOOK EXCERPT LAWRENCE HILL'S THE ILLEGAL

'I'm just running to stay alive'



Author Lawrence Hill
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The Illegal (HarperCollins, \$34.99, Sept. 8) is Lawrence Hill's first work of fiction since his critically acclaimed novel The Book of Negroes.

The Illegal tells the story of Keita Ali. Running is all Keita's ever wanted to do. He's from Zantoroland, one of the poorest nations in the world, where running means respect. And riches, until Keita is targeted for his father's outspoken political views. He escapes into Freedom State, a wealthy island nation bent on deporting refugees. Keita can stay safe only if he keeps moving. As he trains in secret, eluding capture, the stakes keep getting higher.

Weeks earlier, after Keita's first night in Clarkson — in a forty-dollar-a-night motel that did not demand ID because he paid cash up front — he had gone running in Ruddings Park.

A jogger recognized him as being of the same Faloo ethnicity and asked him to stop. Keita did so briefly, but he didn't give his name or tell the man where he was staying. He listened, though, when the man told him not to travel in cars. Not if he wanted to avoid the immigration cops. They stopped people in cars all the time, the man said, and always demanded the national citizenship card. If you didn't have it, they detained you until they could figure out where to deport you. Some people, he said, spent years in detention centres.

Keita thanked the man and said he had to keep moving. The man asked if he could run with Keita, just for a kilometre. He hadn't run with anyone since leaving Zantoroland, he said, and he missed it. Sure, Keita said. He began running again, slowly to accommodate the fellow.

"So," the jogger said, "have you heard of ZRA?" Keita said he hadn't.

"It's Zantoroland's Refugee Association. We want the government of Freedom State to hear our voices and to stop deporting people who are found without papers." The jogger tapped his shoulder familiarly, like a friend might have done back home. "We need people in the movement."

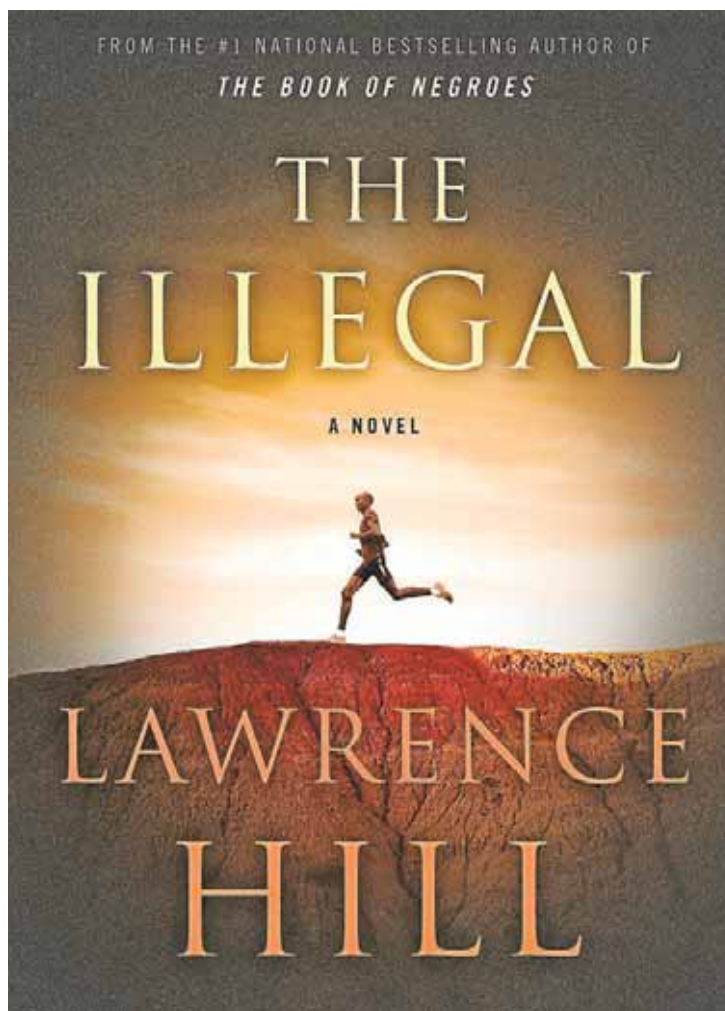
Keita nodded noncommittally.

"By the way, you run beautifully. Are you an elite marathoner?"

"I was. Now I'm just running to stay alive."

"You could be a role model for our cause."

"Sorry," Keita repeated, "but I can't help you right now." And with that, he accelerated and left the jogger behind.



Keita was heeding the advice not to travel by car. Though his muscles were aching, he was sitting at the back of a bus in the Buttersby station, waiting for it to depart for Clarkson. He had killed several hours in the pub, where he sat in a corner, facing a wall, nursing tea and shepherd's pie and hoping to avoid attention. Nobody knew his name or a thing about him, or cared if he was cold or hungry or afraid, but he feared that everyone noticed him.

Keita had boarded the bus the minute the doors opened. The less he was in public view, the better. He chose a window seat near the back. He had barely sat down when a boy — perhaps only twelve years old but travelling alone — took the seat beside him.

To take his mind off his troubles, Keita had turned on his iPod, put the buds in his ears and listened to a country song about a man with a broken heart.

*I got the gotta have you
God I want you
Don't you wanna love me blues
Wait all day for you to call my name
But baby baby baby baby
You ain't got the blues the same
No
You ain't got the same.*

Keita found it odd that here, in one of the richest nations of the world, bad grammar seemed acceptable in music. Still, the words and music were catchy, and he hummed along until a woman across the aisle gave him a nasty look. He stopped and unplugged the iPod. He had to be careful. One did not hum or sing in public in Freedom State — neither while walking around the street nor while sitting on a bus. People in this country took it as a sign of mental imbalance. To Keita, that itself was insanity.

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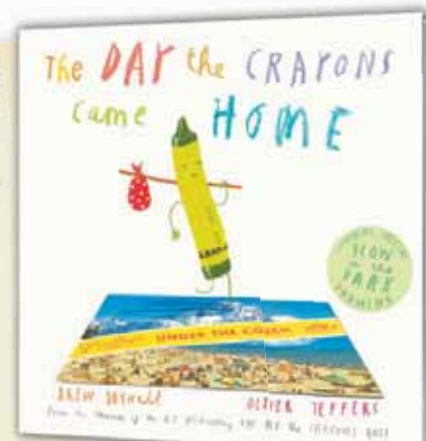
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BOOKS TO READ THIS AUTUMN

The fall publishing season can be overwhelming with its stacks of big-name authors and titles. Where exactly does one start, when new books by Margaret Atwood, Lawrence Hill and John Irving all demand reading? But if you're daring, and are looking for something a little unusual, perhaps the old adage about judging a book by its cover is worth a try. Based on design (and, of course, author pedigree), here are five titles worth adding to your reading list. **SUE CARTER METRO**

Suite Francaise: Storm in June by Emmanuel Moynot

translation David Homel

In 2004, more than 60 years after she died in Auschwitz, Irene Nemirovsky's posthumous novel *Suite Francaise* became an international blockbuster.

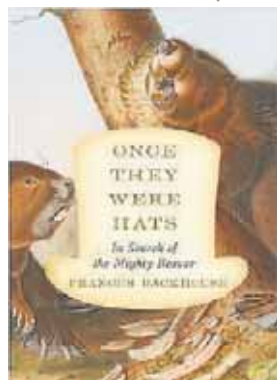
This fall, her story about life in a French village just before the 1940 German invasion gets an illustrated adaptation from French author Emmanuel Moynot.

The graphic novel is published by Vancouver's Arsenal Pulp Press, which had



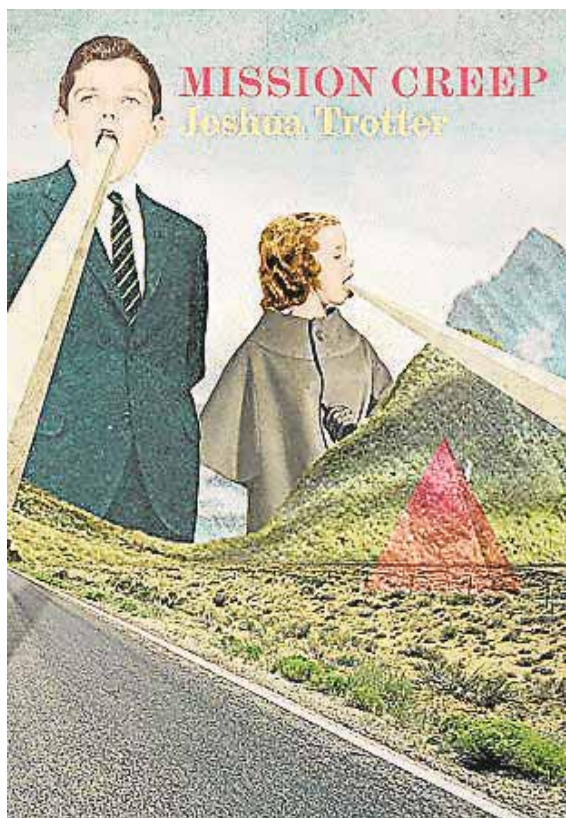
great success with another French comics translation, Julie Maroh's lesbian romance turned Cannes sensation, *Blue is the Warmest Color*.

Once They Were Hats: In Search of the Mighty Beaver by Frances Backhouse



This natural and sociological survey of our national animal should be popular with the Suzuki set, and covers more than 15,000 years of history.

Before the arrival of European fur traders and their love of fashionably warm headgear, there were more than 60 million of the sharp-toothed critters roaming around North America. Victoria writer Frances Backhouse examines our relationship with the beaver, how we nearly killed them off, and how we might successfully cohabit in the future.



Mission Creep by Joshua Trotter

If there was an award for the most disturbing yet bizarrely hilarious cover this season, Joshua Trotter's new poetry collection by Coach House Books would make the shortlist. Even more intriguing are the book's origins. As source material, Trotter manipulated or "tortured" text taken from the CIA's interrogation manual using audio-editing tools, bringing in other voices such as 1970s stuntman Evil Knievel and philosopher Hannah Arendt.

Slade House by David Mitchell

It's a modern take on a horror story, with a social-media twist.

Cloud Atlas and *The Bone Clocks* author David Mitchell's gothic-sounding new novel began as a series of 280 tweets about a haunted residence that acts as a refuge for its "different or lonely" tenants.

Mitchell has plans to tweet more stories from one of *Slade House*'s characters this fall, leading up to the book's release, which brilliantly happens around Halloween.



This is Your Life, Harriet Chance! by Jonathan Evison

Another kind of haunting takes place in Jonathan Evison's new novel, in which 79-year-old recent widow Harriet Chance embarks on an Alaskan cruise, only to make a huge discovery about the realities of her life.

Meanwhile, her dead husband keeps popping up. Evison's first three novels have been bestsellers, so expect the same for *Harriet*.



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- 1 The Weeknd Can't Feel My Face

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BOOKS ON SCREEN

John C. Reilly to star in *The Brothers Sisters*

Vancouver Island-born writer Patrick deWitt says Oscar-nominated actor John C. Reilly will star in a big-screen adaptation of his heralded novel *The Sisters Brothers*.

DeWitt said the film will be directed by acclaimed French filmmaker Jacques Audiard (*Un prophete*, *Rust and Bone*), who is also working on the screenplay.

"I'm really very happy with this team," deWitt said in a telephone interview to discuss his new novel, *Undermajordomo Minor*, which hits shelves Sept. 5.

"I think John's perfect for the role."

Reilly will play Eli Sisters, one of two gunslinging brothers en route to California in the gold-rush era of the 1850s.

The comic western won a Governor General's Literary Award and the Rogers Writers' Trust Fiction Prize in 2011. It also won the 2012 Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour and was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize and the Scotiabank Giller Prize.

"I do like the idea of a non-American telling this story that is a very American story," said deWitt, who lives in Portland, Ore. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



John C. Reilly as Eli Sisters in *The Brothers Sisters*. GETTY IMAGES

RELATIONSHIPS

Think Freakonomics meets Moneyball in Date-onomics, a by-the-numbers book on dating that argues advice-givers have it all wrong serving up tips for women on how to find a man.

Business journalist Jon Birger has crunched the data on hetero singlehood and blames massively off-kilter gender ratios — not whether you do or do not return his first text — for the woes of women looking for their Mr. Rights.

Married 23 years with three kids, Birger took on the economics, sociology and demographics of dating to help women realize the hookup culture, a decline in marriage rates among the college educated and a dearth of marriage-worthy men willing to commit are byproducts of lopsided gender ratios.

New York City has 100,000 more women than men who are college educated and under 35, a fact not usually reported when dating-related issues are discussed in the media, Birger said. And he writes there's no gender ratio divide when it comes to many rural versus urban areas, or small towns versus big cities.

His hope? That the book, out in September from Workman, provides some comfort to those who blame themselves.

Here's what he had to say in a recent interview:



What myths are you trying to dispel?

I'm trying to offer another take different from what all the conventional dating advice books offer up. The message of a lot of these guides is that women are going about it all wrong. It's their fault, and my argument is it's not their fault. It's the demographics.

How did you conclude demographics never seem to be part of the conversation?

I just know a lot of single women, really wonderful,



Men are more likely to play the field and delay marriage when women are in over-supply.

Author Jon Birger

smart — they're good company — attractive women in their 30s and 40s who share with me various woes of their single lives, and the concept that the number of



women in their dating market outnumber the number of men just never enters the conversation.

Where is the deficit worst?

I know people who live in cities like New York think this is a phenomenon unique to them. But it's a national phenomenon. Nationally, among millennials, there are four college-grad women for every three college-grad men. In fact, the lopsidedness is actually worse in some rural states like Montana and West Virginia than it is in urban states like California and New York.

How do lopsided gender ratios impact behaviour?

In terms of the impact, it doesn't just make it statis-

tically harder for educated women to find a match. It changes behaviour as well.

There's a ton of social science that's been done on sex ratios and the big takeaway is that men are more likely to play the field and delay marriage when women are in oversupply. A big argument of my book is that the college- and post-college hookup culture is largely a byproduct of these gender ratios.

What you see from the census data is that fully employed men age 25 to 30 who successfully marry earn 20 per cent more than fully employed men age 25 to 30 who are unmarried. There are academic studies on the same topic that reach the same conclusion, that a scarcity of women in this instance does lead men to earn more.

How do gender ratios play out on college campuses?

It's a long-term problem. Girls perform better in high school. They get better grades, they've been narrowing the gap and sometimes closing the gap on standardized tests, 70 per cent of valedictorians are women. Girls are better at college preparation and many colleges accept women at a higher rate.

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GENDER FLUID

F is for Flare over Fashion

Putting Victoria's Secret Angel models on its cover feels just a bit off as inside Fashion touts "gender as a non-issue" when it comes to working fall styles.



But Fashion gets some major love for key beauty looks like Max Mara's oversized cat eye glasses and fun 3D eye make-up. Flare meanwhile does "clothing that defies gender definition" with, well, more flair. Plus Flare features a fave porn stars story and a fashion future that includes Tinder-like shopping apps.

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FAT FALL FASHION MAGAZINES

September issues heavy as newborns signal the arrival of fashion's most fabulous season. We thumbed past all of the ads to bring you the skinny on newsstand style favourites

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ALL THINGS BEING EQUAL

How Bazaar

"Masculine-feminine revolution." That's the Harper's Bazaar hype. But the mag's knack for breaking down key pieces and its wardrobe edits makes this season's abundance of looks seem totally doable IRL. Must-haves include a fur scarf, chunky heels and a bow blouse. A section on young designers to watch features the lovely juxtaposition of veteran model Lauren Hutton wearing their creations. Elsewhere there's The Art of the Retort, the very wittiest of accessories, and a Sharon Stone interview showcasing the Basic Instinct actress in no clothes at all.

**Vogue's B game**

Democracy and egalitarianism are driving fall's eclecticism, says editor Anna Wintour. We say just show us the pictures of OTT embellishment, off-season pastels and the '20s-inspired clothes gracing models including Toronto singer The Weeknd for a story about the hip-hop drama Empire. Canada gets another shout-out in a profile of Cindy Crawford at her Ontario cottage-country home where the canoe hangs over the dining room table and the former supermodel chills in a plaid shirt and cutoffs just like the rest of us.



TO THE MAX

Elle's belles

"Fashion is maximalist" is Elle Canada's fall maxim, and its September issue is where you'll discover that kitsch is cool again, more is more when it comes to accessories — just pile on all of granny's old brooches — and how to pair anti-fit pieces with classic tailoring. Plus an interview with cover girl and style icon Diane Kruger. Sister publication Elle celebrates its 30th anniversary more than this season's looks but the theme is the same: expressive, sensual, romantic maximalism that's wearable.



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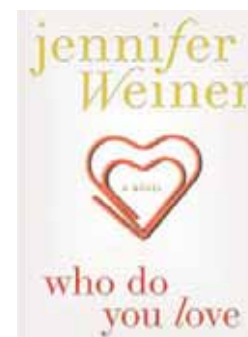
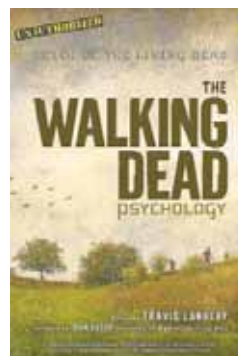
NEW RELEASES

Lose track of time inside these pages

Looking for a juicy read? Check out these two new books. You can get scientific with The Walking Dead Psychology, or swept up in a complicated romance with Who Do You Love.

The Walking Dead Psychology
by Travis Langley

Travis Langley examines what living in a post-apocalyptic world actually does to one's psyche. As a fan, it's easy to get caught up in the drama of the show without thinking about what living in such a stressful, violent environment can do to a person. But Langley really gets into it, which helps you understand the characters even better.

**Who Do You Love**
by Jennifer Weiner

Rachel and Andy meet as kids in the ER and through the next three decades, they keep running into each other. But being together isn't easy. They come from two totally different worlds: Rachel grew up in an affluent Florida suburb in a seemingly perfect family while Andy grew up in a bad part of Philadelphia without much familial support. Watching how their two lives keep intersecting makes for an enjoyable read, but the book isn't fluff. Weiner tackles issues of race, class and the cost of love along the way. EMILY LAURENCE/METRO IN NEW YORK

IN BRIEF

Everything, Everything to be adapted for big screen

The debut novel by Nicola Yoon will be made into a movie by MGM studios, according to The Hollywood Reporter. Scriptwriter J. Mills Goodloe will take on the adaptation of Everything, Everything, a YA (young adult) novel centred around a 17-year-old girl with severe combined immunodeficiency — causing multiple allergies — which prevents her from leaving the house. Goodloe has adapted several novels for the big screen, notably Age of Adaline with Blake Lively. Everything, Everything has been compared to other YA movies that tackle unusual yet reality-based issues facing young people, such as The Fault in Our Stars. The book Everything, Everything is out September 1. AFP



GOSSIP IN BRIEF KYLIE 'FLATTERED' BY SEXY SONG, POLICE TO REVIEW UNSAFE DRIVING CHARGES

Kylie Jenner OK with Tyga song

While the rest of us — and the Kardashian family — might have found Tyga's new track, Stimulated, which details his penchant for "penetrating" 18-year-old girlfriend Kylie Jenner, a little — um — disturbing,



it turns out Jenner herself is totally fine with the track.

Flattered, even. "Kylie actually thought that the song was cute and knew about it before it came out," a source tells Radar Online. "It is her first true love and she is very much thinking that she will be with him forever." How ... sweet? But: "There is nothing that Tyga could ever do that would make Kylie walk away from him," the source explains.

"She does not even try to argue with him because he has somehow convinced her that he is the best she will ever get, and she believes him." Sounds totally healthy, yeah. NED EHRBAR/FOR METRO

Manslaughter evidence reviewed

Prosecutors on Tuesday began reviewing evidence, considering whether charges

should be filed against Caitlyn Jenner in a collision that killed a woman on a coastal California highway.

The case was being examined by the Los Angeles County district attorney's major crimes division, said Greg Risling, a spokesman for the district attorney's office. There was no timetable for when prosecutors will decide whether to file charges, he said.

Authorities said Jenner

was driving a sport utility vehicle on Feb. 7 when it slammed into two cars on Pacific Coast Highway, pushing a Lexus driven by Kim Howe into oncoming traffic.

Howe, 69, died from her injuries, and her stepchildren are suing Jenner, an Olym-



pic gold medallist. Sheriff's investigators determined that Jenner, 65, was travelling at an unsafe speed for the road conditions at the time and the evidence supports a vehicular manslaughter charge, the department said last week.

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MARRIAGE

Vergara's man gets cold feet: Source

There may be troubling in paradise for soon-to-wed Sofia Vergara and Joe Manganiello, and it's reportedly all down to the groom-to-be's pre-wedding jitters. "Joe is low-key flipping out right now," a source tells Radar Online. "He said that he does not think he is ready, and all of his friends are telling him to calm down and that he is just having a case of the cold feet."

So what's the main



cause of Manganiello's gripe? The scope of the event. "Sofia's having people fly in from all over the world, and two-thirds of the guests that are coming are invited by her. Joe keeps his circle very small," the source says. NED EHRBAR/FOR METRO

Desperately seeking out of sitcom?

SEX IN THE CITY

Source says SJP really, really wanted off the HBO show



Sure, Sarah Jessica Parker did some career-defining work as Carrie Bradshaw on HBO's Sex in the City, but you would not believe how much she didn't want to do the show at first.

Or maybe you would, I don't know. I'm not a mind-reader.

But anyway, fellow thespian Seth Rudetsky just finished a production with Parker and her husband, Matthew Broderick, in Prov-

incetown, Mass., and he's come home with some revelations from the lady herself that he's sharing over on Playbill.com.

Chief among them is the lengths Parker went to in order to try and get out of her Sex in the City contract.

"She was reluctant to do the pilot because she didn't really want to do a series. However, she loved the script so she filmed it and then forgot about it," Rudetsky writes.

"Months later she found out the show was picked up and she completely wanted to get out of it. I mean, completely."

So, completely, then?

"She tried various ways to get out of it including telling HBO that she would film three projects for free if they'd release her from her contract," he reveals.

That's pretty severe, as far as negotiating tactics go.



Seth Rudetsky claims that early on, Sarah Jessica Parker went to great lengths to get out of her Sex in the City contract.

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VMAS

Kanye's Vanguard

If you were worried that there might be fewer reasons for Kanye West's ego to keep itself inflated, rest easy.

MTV has announced that it is celebrating West with this year's Video Vanguard Award — basically the network's lifetime achievement award — at the VMAs. Previous recipients have included Michael Jackson — for whom the award is named — Madonna, Beastie Boys, U2 and Beyoncé.

I can only assume Taylor Swift will be getting it next year.

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What they're asking

Midrise condominium buildings blend well into existing, established neighbourhoods. This week, Metro looks at one-bedroom suites in newer resale midrise buildings around the downtown.

Duncan McAllister FOR METRO

ASKING PRICES WERE ACCURATE AT TIME OF PUBLISHING.



\$297,900 Halifax

This one-bedroom suite at The Anchorage, at 15 Kings Wharf Place in Dartmouth, overlooks the canal with harbour views. It features an open-concept floor plan with floor-to-ceiling windows to maximize natural light. Listing agent Rose Brine says that residents have access to the Marina. The kitchen has high-end Bosch stainless steel appliances and polished granite countertops. The great room is perfect for entertaining, with a breakfast bar dividing the living room and kitchen. The master bedroom features large windows and custom blinds. Brine is an associate with Royal LePage Anchor Realty, 902-471-2934.



\$488,800 Calgary

This rare, top-floor unit at Providence Kensington is located in the Hillhurst area. It faces south to enjoy the sunlight, and the downtown skyline out the patio door. "This unit is one of the nicest in the building," says listing agent Justin Havre. There's a built-in desk, and a modern, high-end Murphy bed. The kitchen features granite counters, rich cabinets, cork floors, air conditioning and underground parking. The building is in the heart of Kensington, close to shopping and downtown. Havre is an associate with RE/Max First, 403-278-2900.



\$285,800 Edmonton

Here's a trendy, 829-sq.-ft., one-bedroom condo for sale in the Century Park building. It features a modern, open floor plan with nine-foot ceilings. The suite includes granite countertops in the kitchen, a counter-height eating bar and stainless steel appliances. The bathroom has an enclosed glass shower and marble tile. There's an exercise room in the building and an underground parking spot. It's close to shopping and restaurants, and the LRT is at the door. Listing agent Darlene Strang is an associate with Re/Max Real Estate, 780-908-3131.



\$234,900 Ottawa

For sale is a loft-style apartment in the Centre-town area. Built in 2013, it's located in the heart of downtown, with a view of Bank Street from its floor-to-ceiling windows with western exposure. Listing agent Elaine Smallwood says the building has mostly young urban professionals who walk, bike or bus. The suite has concrete pillars and ceiling, as well as hardwood and tiled floors. Amenities include a pool, patio, barbecue, a gym and media room. Smallwood is a sales representative with Royal LePage Performance Realty, 613-859-6129.



\$369,900 Vancouver

Here's a charming unit for sale on Robson Street in Vancouver. The Robson Garden is a well-managed all-concrete building located in the dynamic downtown core. The suite is a large, south-facing one-bedroom unit with lots of light, private and very quiet, with views of the city skyline. The building boasts a Walk Score of 98, and parking is available for \$25 per month. The listing agent is Yi (Leo) Zhang with Sincere Real Estate Services, 778-238-9619.



\$338,000 Toronto

"A boutique condominium with a superb location," says listing agent Alex J. Wilson. The unit is located in the heart of Toronto's financial and entertainment districts. The condo is close to the University subway line, as well as shopping, theatre and restaurants on King Street West. Building amenities include an outdoor pool, games room, a party room, and 24-hour concierge. The suite includes all windows coverings and appliances. Wilson is with RE/Max Condos Plus Corporation, 416-996-5181.



\$169,900 Winnipeg

What's old is new again at this midrise building in the Crescentwood neighbourhood. This character condo has been completely modernized and restored. Listing agent Kenneth Clark says, "This one was built in 1923, a three-storey walk-up. The suite is gorgeous and completely remodelled." It features a bright and sunny top-floor location, a corner suite with windows on three sides. Bus service is at the door, and a grocery store and trendy restaurants are walkable. Clark is a broker with Realty Executives Premiere, 204-955-3887.

Fashionable tech for the fall

DESIGN CENTRE

Karl Lohnes



It's back to school time and that means outfitting your dorm room (and yourself) with some styling

accessories. I recently discovered iStore, a new tech accessories retailer offering fashion-forward wearables, products for the home, along with entertainment and mobile devices. They've got 13 locations to help make being geeky ultra cool, whether it be for back to school or work. Check out a few of my faves at iStoreWorld.com.

1 Kate Spade Hard Shell

Wrap your phone in one of the most wanted names in fashion. \$45

2 MiPow Playbulb Candle

A LED votive candle that's also a safe nightlight. Brightness and colours can change by simply downloading an app on your smartphone. \$30

3 180s Earwarmers

Not only will your ears be cosy on the way to class, you can listen to your favourite tunes via Bluetooth technology. \$80

4 Bang & Olufsen BeoPlay A2

This portable speaker gets an A-plus for sound and style. \$500

5 Herschel Little America Backpack

Old-school durability with a built-in padded laptop sleeve and easy-access media pocket. \$100

6 Felix TwoHands Tablet Stand

Let your laptop or tablet stand at the perfect viewing angle by clipping on these extra set of hands. \$25



INTERIOR DESIGN

How to get a homemade feel

No matter his client's taste or budget, interior designer Brian Patrick Flynn follows this rule: For every large, manufactured item that he adds to a room, he also includes three handmade pieces.

They might be anything from "patchwork pillows and hand-woven throw rugs to a repurposed object made into a table lamp," he says. They could be expensive or totally affordable. The key is they were made by a person, not a machine.

"Handmade objects have become more and more in demand over the past 10 years," says Flynn, of Flynnside Out Productions. "People seem to really love the story behind how things are made," and they want their homes to have the meaning and character that handmade pieces evoke.

With flea market and craft fair season in full swing, we've asked Flynn, and Betsy Burnham of Los Angeles' Burnham Design, what kinds of handmade items they seek, where to find them and how to use them in decorating any space.

What works

It's easiest to start small, with handmade accessories. The items on your coffee table might include hand-thrown pottery or hand-painted trays, side-by-side with books and other mass-produced pieces. Handmade candle holders and pillows are also easy to find, as are little sculptures and other small pieces of handmade art.

"Any accessory collection should include organic or handcrafted items because, honestly, who wants shelves full of manufactured knickknacks?" asks Burnham.

Flynn likes to have one or two handmade fabrics in every room — for instance, the artisanal fabric of Zak and Fox, which Flynn says "look like they were made



Two simple, handmade wooden sculptures add a casual charm to a fireplace designed by Burnham Design.

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by tribes hundreds of years ago, but somehow they also seem modern."

Where to find it

Flea markets and craft fairs are perfect places to buy handmade or just browse for ideas. And the Internet, of course, has made finding handmade items easy year-round: Etsy.com and UncommonGoods.com are two popular sites, but a quick online search will likely turn up information about local crafters in your area, too.

When you find something, try to discover a bit about its history. Burnham's clients enjoy handmade items more "when they know the provenance and the story behind

a piece," she says. They get a further boost knowing they're supporting a particular artist or artisan.

How to use handmade decor

Flynn loves to place objects made from stone or other materials with "organic imperfections" on smooth, machine-perfect surfaces. "When I've got pristine bookshelves to display interesting things," he says, "I love the juxtaposition of a fluid, biomorphic shape with rough texture against something rigid and linear. That creates visual tension, something designers use to add depth."

You can also magnify the appeal of something traditional — a classic fireplace mantel, for example — by hanging a colourful, whimsical piece of handmade art over it.

Or make your own partially handmade piece by adding your creativity to a factory-made piece of furniture.

"Sometimes manufactured items are just more affordable and ready right away," Flynn says. "I'll add something unique to them, like hand-blocked wallpaper to the back of bookshelves or locally crafted sconces to a wall covered in 50-cent white subway tile from the home improvement store. It's all about the mix."

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Handmade ceramics serve to personalize this collection of desktop items.

Get schooled in smartphones

Mike Yawney
For Metro

Smartphones have replaced many of the school supplies we used to tote to the classroom each fall.

They are our new scientific calculators, voice recorders, encyclopedias and dictionaries. Here are some of the best smartphones for students returning to school this September.

IPHONE 6 PLUS \$969 (NO CONTRACT)

A thin and light smartphone with a beautiful screen, Apple's iPhone 6 Plus is a powerhouse.

The 5.5-inch screen not only boasts incredible resolution, but gives students enough on-screen real estate to get

work done. With hundreds of thousands of apps, your iPhone can be used for just about anything. On top of all this, the built-in M8 motion coprocessor tracks movement to help students achieve their fitness goals, as well as get good grades.

MOTO G \$199 (NO CONTRACT)

Rugged and durable, Motorola's latest smartphone is perfect for the student lifestyle. Toss it in a locker, or pitch it in a backpack, the smartphone will withstand almost anything a student throws at it. The Moto G is water resistant to protect it against leaking drinks, and the Gorilla Glass

will ensure the screen remains free of scratches. Students can also customize the look of this Android phone with Motorola Shells, which come in a variety of colours and materials.

LG G4 \$699.99 (NO CONTRACT)

The perfect phone for students who love to document life on campus. The 16-megapixel rear camera takes incredible photos even in low light, while the front-facing 8-megapixel camera is perfect for selfies or pictures with friends. The front camera also records

in full 1080p HD, creating bright and vibrant video messages and videos for family and friends, near or far. This phone also features a manual camera mode, giv-

ing users ultimate control over their photos.

SONY XPERIA M4 AQUA \$300 (NO CONTRACT)

Remember the days when cellphones lasted more than a day on a single charge? Sony takes us back to a time when battery life mattered with this Android handset. A single charge will last two days, ensuring you never hear the phrase "sorry, my phone died" from your teen ever again. Not only is it waterproof, it's also dust proof, ensuring no annoying specs get under the glass screen.

SAMSUNG GALAXY S6 EDGE \$849.99 (NO CONTRACT)

A stylish smartphone that stands out from the crowd with a screen unlike any you have ever seen. By wrapping around the outer edges, the screen not only gives more

space to work on, you can also see notifications even if your phone is sitting face down on your desk. The rapid-charge feature gives you four hours worth of use after just 10 minutes of plugging it in. If you purchase a charge pad, you can take advantage of the wireless charge feature, which gets rid of annoying cables.

ASUS ZENFONE 2 \$379.99 (NO CONTRACT)

This beautiful smartphone not only looks stylish, but is ergonomically designed to fit comfortably in your hand. Not only does this phone feature a quad-core processor, it's also the world's first to feature up to 4GB of dual-channel DDR3 RAM, ensuring it handles any app or task you throw at it with ease. The 13-megapixel camera features a Super HDR mode, which

expands the dynamic range by four times, allowing you to snap photos of your friends in ultra-bright environments, even in front of a setting sun, with amazing results.

HTC ONE M9 \$699.95 (NO CONTRACT)

All work and no play makes for a boring student life. This Android device is ideal for not only school work, but for everything else that

happens after class. With access to the Google Play store, you have all the apps you could ever need. When the work is done, enjoy movies and videos with dual front speakers, which give immersive sound unlike anything you've ever heard before on a smartphone.

Clockwise, from top left:
LG G4, \$699.99; Samsung Galaxy S6 EDGE, \$849.99;
Sony Xperia M4 Aqua, \$300;
iPhone 6 Plus, \$969; HTC One M9, \$699.95; Moto G, \$199.



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Smartphones and tablets have changed the way we learn both in and out of the classroom. With hundred of thousands of apps, smartphones are no longer used just to chat with family and friends, they have become powerful educational tools.

Here are some of the best apps for students, whether they are heading to pre-school or university.

SLICE FRACTIONS — \$4.59 IOS, ANDROID

This fun and intuitive app helps children between the ages of six and eight learn about fractions. Aligned with most major curriculums, the app features more than 90 puzzles designed to challenge kids. The clever user interface gets them learning by slicing shapes, not reading text. It's so much fun they don't even know they are learning. Best of all there are no ads or in-app purchases.

BRAINSCAPE — FREE (IN-APP PURCHASES) IOS

Flashcards are a simple yet efficient way to study. This app lets students create their

own cards on a wide variety of subjects and topics. Using repetition, the app repeats the cards in calculated intervals to promote learning. Study by yourself or share cards to study in groups. If you don't have time to make flashcards, you can purchase pre-made sets within the app itself. New topics are added every week.

ALARMY — \$1.99 IOS, ANDROID

Never sleep in again. Alarmy forces you out of bed in the morning, making sure you don't hit the snooze button. The alarm won't turn off until you perform a certain set of tasks.

You may be asked to take a picture of a certain item, or shake the phone up and down a set number of times. If you don't complete the task the alarm continues to ring.



BRAINSCAPE

IHOMEWORK — \$1.99 IOS

Simplify busy student life with this slick app. Students can keep track of upcoming work and reading assignments with the colour-coded calendar. The reminders feature will ensure they don't forget about upcoming projects. Those concerned about grades can keep track of marks throughout the year so they know where they stand before heading into exams. The app is also ideal for students attending new schools, as you can mark course locations on a map so you're never lost or late for class. **MIKE YAWNEY**

MOOSEHEADS

Herd finalize roster

The Halifax Mooseheads have chosen their team for the 2015-16 season.

General manager Cam Russell announced the QMJHL team's final three training camp cuts Wednesday. Those cuts were 16-year-old defenceman Mathieu Charlebois, 18-year-old blue-liner Sam Hunter and 17-year-old forward Jordan King, who have been released "after going unclaimed on waivers," according to a Mooseheads news release.

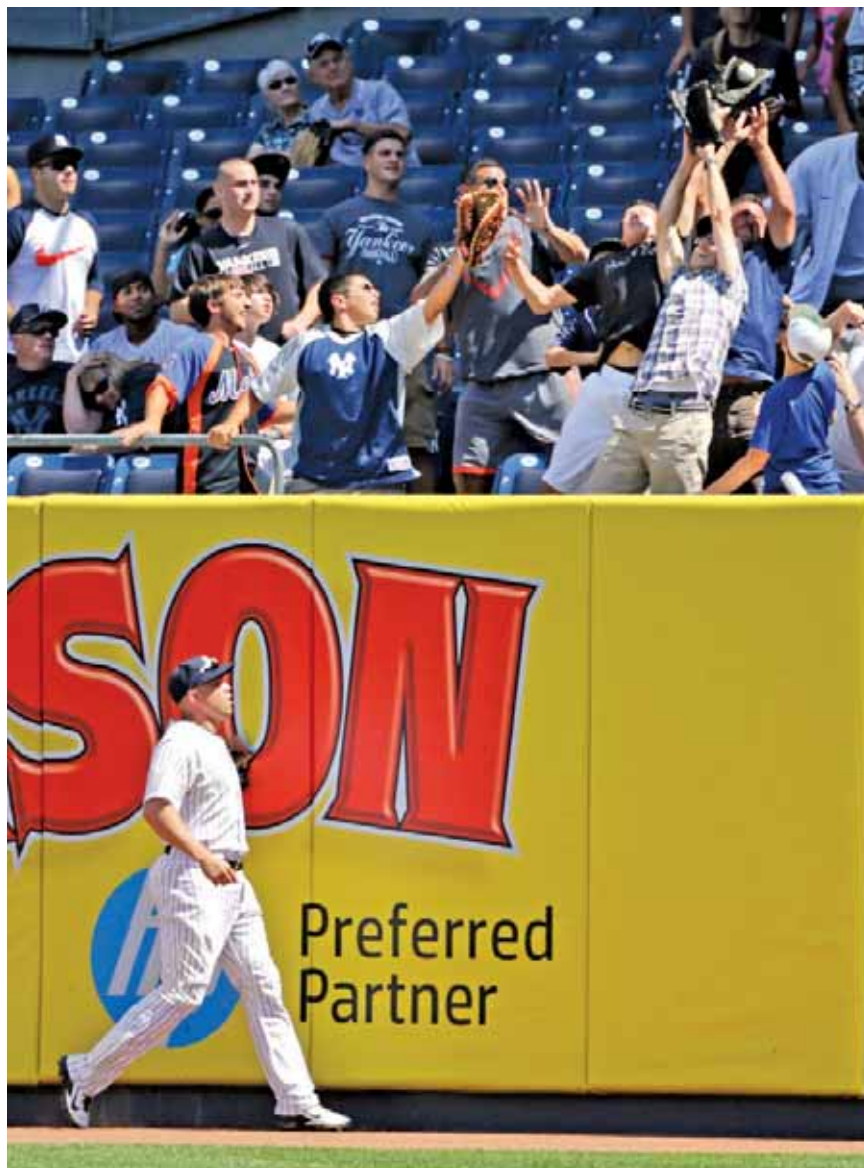
The Halifax roster now sits at 24 players — 14 forwards, eight defencemen and two goaltenders.

Eight of those players will be wearing red and green for the first time when the puck drops this coming season, with rookie defencemen Walter Flower and Cooper Jones, and first-year forwards Joel Bishop, Dominik Blain-Dupuis, Barrett Dachyshyn, Arnaud Durandau, Ilya Putintsev and Otto Somppi.

"We had a few surprises at training camp and we're looking forward to another exciting season," Russell said in the news release.

The season's official home opener is set for Sept. 18 against the Acadie-Bathurst Titan at the Scotiabank Centre. Puck drop is at 7 p.m.

Visit halifaxmooseheads.ca for pre-season information and the full roster. METRO



Yankees outfielder Carlos Beltran watches as fans vie to catch a home run ball hit by the Astros' Evan Gattis on Wednesday in New York. FRANK FRANKLIN II/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Evan almighty on Yanks

MLB

Gattis' pair of homers lifts Astros to series victory

WEDNESDAY IN N.Y.

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ASTROS	YANKEES

Evan Gattis hit two home runs, Collin McHugh excelled once again and the Houston Astros exceeded last season's win total, beating the New York Yankees 6-2 Wednesday.

The AL West leaders improved to 71-57, a year after going 70-92. With 34 games left on the schedule, the Astros already have achieved their best season since 2010.

The Yankees have lost five of seven, a slide that's cost them first place in the AL East.

Gattis sliced an opposite-field shot to right in the second inning and launched a long drive into the left-field seats in the eighth. His third homer in two days gave him 22 this year and boosted the Astros' major league-leading total to 174.

McHugh (14-7) kept up a recent run of ace pitching, both for himself and the team with the top ERA in the league. Houston has won seven of nine, not permitting more than two runs

in any game.

McHugh shut out the Yankees until Didi Gregorius hit a two-run homer in the seventh. He outpitched Michael Pineda (9-8) for the second time this year and has allowed just seven runs in his last five starts.

A day after a 15-1 romp that saw excitable Carlos Gomez get into a dustup with the Yankees, there weren't any signs of ill will between the teams. Houston star Jose Altuve was hit in the shoulder by a pitch in the ninth and merely looked at reliever Nick Goody as he walked to first base.

Earlier, Altuve stole his AL-leading 33rd base. The Astros top the league in steals, too.

Pineda came off the disabled list after missing nearly a month because of a strained right forearm. He was tagged for five runs on six hits and a walk in 4-1/3 innings. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Go to metronews.ca for coverage of the Blue Jays' game against the Rangers in Texas.

PGA

Golfers in battle to stay above cut line at The Barclays

Recent history is what gives Hunter Mahan a level of optimism he would not ordinarily have at The Barclays.

For the first time in 10 years, he is at risk of ending a PGA Tour season without once finishing in the top three. For the first time in more than six years, Mahan is out of the top 50 in the world ranking. He starts the FedEx Cup playoffs at No. 71, his lowest position since this series began in 2007.

Mahan is the only player to have never missed a playoff event. That streak is in jeopardy.

He also knows how quickly it can turn around.

"Takes one good week to propel you up the board," Mahan said. "And you can change the schematic of the whole thing."

A year ago, Mahan was No. 62 in the FedEx Cup when he closed with a 65 and won The Barclays. That moved him to No. 1 in the standings, assured him a spot in the Tour Championship and impressed Tom Watson enough that he used a captain's pick on Mahan for the Ryder Cup.

"You can have an OK season and all of a sudden you play good

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Only the top 100 advance to Deutsche Bank Championship next week, and the top 70 move on to the BMW Championship. The top 30 go to the Tour Championship.

at the right time and be a FedEx Cup champion," Mahan said. "It does feel like a late-season push here. You can kind of for-

get where you've been and you can really be right here because you know good play right now means a lot."

Only the top 125 in the FedEx Cup are eligible for the playoffs, and there are some big names missing, including Tiger Woods and Martin Kaymer.

Masters and U.S. Open champion Jordan Spieth, PGA champion Jason Day and others who have played so well all year are virtually a lock for the Tour Championship at East Lake. At stake at the end is the \$10-million bonus. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Hunter Mahan is the only player to have never missed a FedEx Cup playoff event. MIKE LAWRIE/GETTY IMAGES

Rooney's trick baffles Brugge

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Under-fire striker's treble puts United back in Europe

Wayne Rooney ended a 10-game scoring drought by grabbing a hat-trick in Manchester United's 4-0 win at Club Brugge that eased the English team into the Champions League group stage on Wednesday.

United won 7-1 on aggregate and returned to Europe's premier competition after a one-year absence.

Rooney's confidence grew after putting United ahead in Belgium in the 20th with a lobbed finish over the diving goalkeeper, his first club goal since April 4. The England captain added more goals in the 49th and 57th minutes as Club Brugge's defence was repeatedly opened up.

Rooney wasted a great chance for his fourth goal before Ander

WEDNESDAY In Bruges

4 **0**
UNITED BRUGGE

Manchester win 7-1 on agg.

Herrera wrapped up the win in the 63rd. Javier Hernandez missed a penalty in the 81st to make it 5-0 after being handed the chance by Rooney, United's usual penalty taker.

England will have four teams in Thursday's group-stage draw.

878

Number of minutes Wayne Rooney had gone with scoring a goal in competition.

"It was a big disappointment last year not to challenge in (the Champions League)," Rooney said. "It was vital we went through any way we could."

Rooney's scoring form has been the biggest concern for United at the start of this season, although he insisted it was only a matter of time before he got back among the goals.

"If I didn't have a strong character, maybe it would have affected me," Rooney said.



Wayne Rooney will try to take his suddenly hot form to Wales this Sunday when Manchester United face Swansea City in the Premier League. DEAN MOUHTARPOULOS/GETTY IMAGES

When he was put through by Memphis Depay midway through the first half, it was the first genuine one-on-one chance Rooney had found himself in all season. And he took it well.

As Sinan Bolat dived at the feet of Rooney, the striker nonchalantly dinked the ball over the Turkish goalkeeper and into

the net to end a long wait for a goal. After celebrating with teammates, Rooney kissed his hands and thrust his arms into the air.

With Club Brugge now needing three goals just to force extra time, the hosts were going to leave spaces at the back for United to exploit.

Depay — a scorer of two classy

goals in the first leg — wasted a great chance before halftime and it was left to Rooney to finish the hosts off.

The striker finished a great team move involving Depay and Herrera with a simple sidefooted finish for his second goal, and completed his hat trick with a low shot underneath Bolat after

+ ELSEWHERE

Formed just six years ago, FC Astana became the first team from Kazakhstan to qualify for the group stage after drawing 1-1 at APOEL Nicosia for a 2-1 aggregate win.

Others teams to qualify on Wednesday were Bayer Leverkusen, CSKA Moscow and BATE Borisov.

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a reverse pass from Juan Mata.

Rooney passed up two chances to complete a four-goal haul. First, he saw Bolat tip aside a chipped finish after racing through one on one and then handed penalty-taking duties to substitute Hernandez after Oscar Duarte handled a cross from Rooney.

Hernandez's standing foot slipped as he was about to strike the ball and he sent it wide of the post. By that time, Herrera had ran onto a fine pass from Bastian Schweinsteiger, another substitute, to slot home for the fourth goal at Jan Breydelstadion.

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IN BRIEF

Kenya's first-ever field gold overshadowed by runners' doping suspensions

Kenya made history at the world championships on Wednesday when javelin thrower Julius Yego won the first gold medal in a field event for a country renowned

as a distance running cradle.

The surprising gold, however, came on a day when two Kenyan runners were suspended for testing positive for doping, raising questions about the country's dominance so far in Beijing.

Kenya leads the medals

table with six gold and 11 medals overall. It's been an up-and-down world championships for Kenya. "I can't dwell on that," Yego said. "I always believe you can win clean, so it's a shame." Yego's won with 92.72-metre throw.

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200-M SPRINT

Bolt brims with confidence ahead of Round 2 with Gatlin

A day before another showdown with his latest rival, Usain Bolt didn't show even the slightest trace of anxiety.

Why would he? When you're this good — the Jamaican is going for a fourth straight world championship title in the 200 metres on Thursday night in Beijing — you can afford to be extremely confident.

"When it comes to the big time, I always show up and get things done," Bolt said.

Justin Gatlin could have something to say about that. The American gets another crack at Bolt after losing a close race in the 100 on Sunday.

Gatlin was actually a favourite among the bettors in that one, in part because he looked so dominant in the rounds. This time, not so much. This is Bolt's favourite event.

"I'm more professional



Usain Bolt eased through his 200-metre heats while Justin Gatlin also impressed. GETTY IMAGES

with 200 metres," Bolt said. "I'm just trying to get it done."

Their semifinal heats on Wednesday were a contrast in

styles. Gatlin went out with a vengeance, winning his heat in 19.87 seconds, which was the second-fastest semifinal time at the worlds.

"I didn't think I was running that fast," Gatlin said.

Bolt didn't run all that hard at all. Maybe for the first 150 metres or so, but after that he put it on cruise control. He even flashed a quick grin at South African sprinter Anaso Jobodwana, who was trying to push him from the lane to his left.

"It was very easy," Bolt explained. "I don't expend a lot of energy. It was a smooth race."

"I've learned over the years I'm a great competitor. Everybody knows that. It's all about focus now."

Gatlin is focused, too. On catching up to Bolt. On breaking his rival's hold on the world title. A day before the final, he wasn't about to give away any race strategy about how he was going to accomplish that, only saying his plan was to "stay in front."

"That's what it's going to take," Gatlin said. "I think I have a lot left in the tank."

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Showing people that when it comes to the big time, I always show up and get things done.

A confident Usain Bolt in the lead- up to the 200m sprint at the world championships



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- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 large egg
- 1 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 cup reduced-fat yogurt or reduced-fat sour cream
- 1/4 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 scoop (3 oz) frozen yogurt (optional)
- Icing sugar

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Spray a 10-inch ovenproof skillet with cooking oil.
2. To make the brownies: Combine the sugar, oil, egg and vanilla in a bowl and mix well. Add the cocoa, mixing it in well. Add the flour, baking powder, yogurt and chocolate chips, mixing just until combined and smooth. Don't overmix.
3. Pour the batter into the prepared skillet. Bake in the centre of the oven for 15 minutes, just until set. Sprinkle with icing sugar, if desired. Serve with frozen yogurt or light ice cream if using.

Nutrition per serving

- Calories 140
- Protein 2 g
- Carbohydrates 20 g
- Fibre 1 g
- Total fat 7 g
- Saturated fat 1.5 g
- Cholesterol 20 mg
- Sodium 15 mg

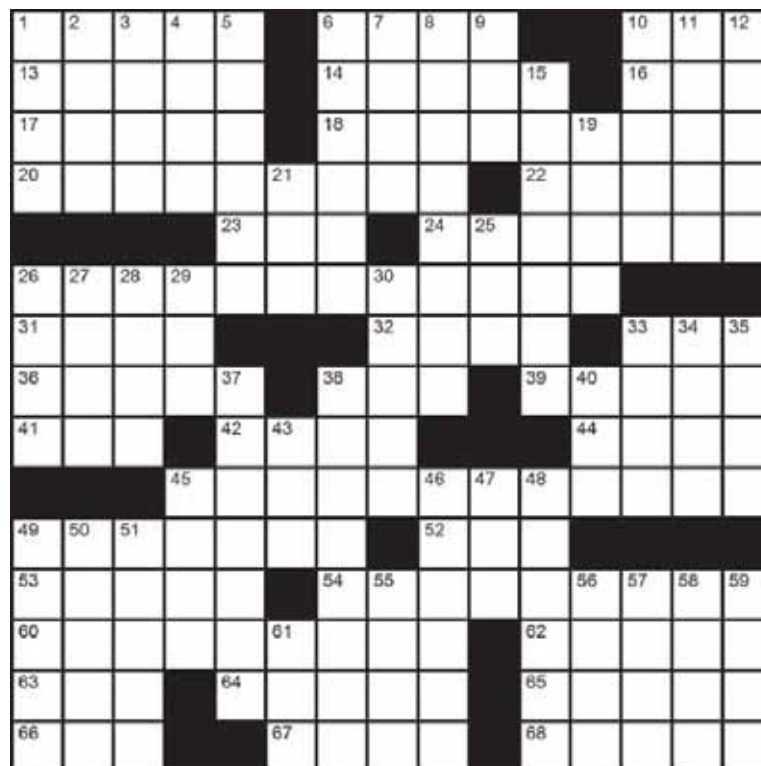
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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. Elegant instruments
6. Actress Ms. Gertz
10. US docs' org.
13. Literature's T.S.
14. Rice-_-
16. Getaway
17. Backslide
18. "Magic Mike" (2012) workplace: 2 wds.
20. Soft drink that has replaced aspartame in The States, but not in Canada: 2 wds.
22. Jostle
23. Tiny Tim's instr.
24. Farmers market, avenue and Metro station sharing the same name in Montreal
26. Emily Carr is wearing glasses in hers at the National Gallery of Canada
31. Unfeigned
32. 'Problem' suffix
33. Not in, Can-uck-style
36. "___ of God" (1985)
38. "Gangnam Style" rapper
39. Bisect
41. Peat's pal?
42. Tight
44. Docking spot
45. "The ___" (2000) George Clooney movie about the fishing vessel Andrea Gail ...parts of its wreckage washed up on the remote shores



49. Question/interview post-mission
52. 'Restrict' suffix
53. Acrylic fabric
54. Some houses
60. Nova Scotia: ___ of the Atlantic (Sable Island's nickname because of the many

- shipwrecks)
62. Leg bone
63. Melanie, to Dakota
64. Battle royal
65. Crunchy
66. Beer
67. Wing-like
68. Fasteners secured with padlocks

DOWN

1. Had in hand
2. Jai ___ (Court game)
3. Fruit's ready-to-be-eaten status
4. Station
5. ___ to the plate
6. National park

- designated a Dark-Sky Preserve by the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada
7. ___ & Sciences
8. Professor ___ (Character regarded as the 'Napoleon of crime' by Sher-

- lock Holmes)
9. Pasta names suffix
10. Dispense
11. Purple hue
12. Fossil resin
15. ___ Sparrow (Bird known to only breed on Sable Island)
19. Talk
21. Mr. ___ ("Lost" character)
25. Mai ___ (Cocktail)
26. Quick attempt
27. Therefore
28. Breather's one-of-two
29. Charge
30. Sample the food
33. Odd mixture
34. Completed
35. Condition
37. Feminism pioneer Gloria
38. Giant ___ (Wild mushroom that looks just like its name)
40. Inclined
43. "___ you serious?!"
45. Manitoba, e.g.
46. Kind of construction block
47. Dress
48. Take, as someone's purse
49. Tenet
50. Mr. Flynn
51. Finger point
55. Carbamide
56. Italy's former currency
57. Kimono's look-changers
58. Bit of bangs
59. Drains
61. Swanky 'sure'

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Negative feelings could come to the surface as the full moon draws close, but if you deal with them openly and honesty they should not bother you too much. Deal with it.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
If you feel like doing something different just do it and worry about the consequences later. If you seek advice, friends will tell you to forget about it — so don't ask.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Some things are possible and some are not. If you don't know the difference then what happens today will leave you in no doubt at all. Don't condemn yourself if you make a mistake: at least you tried.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Something upsetting may occur but if you look at it logically and from a higher perspective you will see that fate is teaching you a lesson: sometimes you have to give up one thing in order to get something better.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Your chores and duties may become such a burden that you consider getting rid of them and starting from scratch. Go for it. Be bold and change your life.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you want something badly enough you will find a way to get it, but you may regret it by the time of the full moon on Saturday. Try not to annoy people who are bigger than you.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Your sixth sense tells you that something big is going to happen but there is no need to get anxious about it. Whatever comes your way, you will make the most of it.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Something seems to be worrying you, but there is no need to torment yourself. Instead of focusing on what might go wrong, find ways to make life more enjoyable and rewarding.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
As far as your money situation is concerned things may have to get worse before they get better. The tide will turn by the start of next week and, looking back, you will realize it was all for your own good.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Do the right thing at the right time, especially on the work front. If you act too fast or, worse, too slow you will open yourself up to criticism from rivals and others who don't want you to succeed.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You are doing a lot of self-analysis of late. You keep asking yourself why you let yourself to feel the way you did about issues that are of no real importance. Let it go.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
For quite some time now you have had the feeling that you are on the wrong track, and what happens next may confirm your suspicions. This is the start of a new adventure.

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